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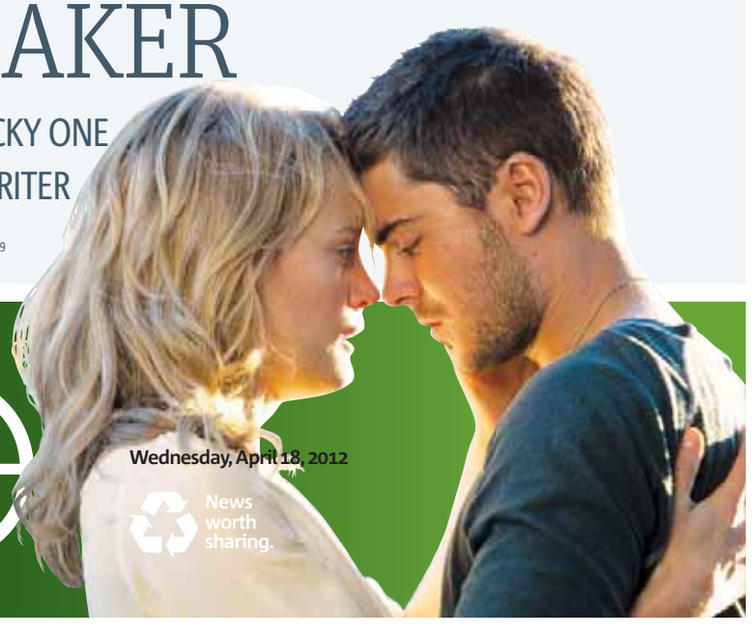

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News worth sharing.

Teen's racist rant shocks peers

Students at Brampton's Turner Fenton Secondary School said they were shocked by a YouTube video of a girl from their school making racist comments.
EMILY JACKSON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Brampton. Grade 11 student stops going to school after other teens react to her 'ignorant' YouTube video

It may be two minutes she'll regret for the rest of her life. That's about the time it took a young Caucasian teen from Brampton to record a YouTube video in which she comes across as a racist.

The 16-year-old rants to a camera about how everyone in her high school "is brown," equates "turbans" with "terrorists," moans about having to move from Toronto to "Bramladesh," asks white people to get in touch with her and advises brown people to "go back to your own country."

And now the teen — who made those comments in a recent YouTube-posted video gone viral this week — faces death threats.

But her father says his daughter is sorry she made the video, which is "totally out of character," and that she has struggled with depression and is now in hospital.

He wanted to make it plain that he's very sorry about the content and apologizes on behalf of his family "to anyone who's been hurt by this video."

Students at Brampton's Turner Fenton Secondary School said Tuesday that the teen had been jumped the day before by another student. Teachers had to call police to escort her from the school safely, the students said.

Her angry peers said they don't expect her back at school any time soon.

"That was blatantly racist," said a Grade 10 student during lunch hour.

The video seemed to come out of the blue and doesn't reflect on their school, which has people from all cultures and religions, students said. Everyone gets along, for the most part.

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Reaction

A group of Grade 10 boys playing football said they didn't take the video personally, but thought it was "ignorant."

- **One joked that he smells like Axe — not curry.**
- **"I'm only offended about the 'go back to your country' part," said one student, 16. "Most of us were born here."**
- **The students condemned any violence against the teen.**

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MGM wants T.O. casino, but not at Woodbine

One of the world's biggest casino-resort companies says it wants to build a massive gambling and entertainment facility in Toronto — but it won't do so at Woodbine racetrack, the location that may be most acceptable to city residents.

"Woodbine is just away from everything ... I don't think you could do what we're talking about doing at Woodbine. I don't think it's sustainable," said Alan Feldman, senior vice-president of public affairs at MGM Resorts International, in a Tuesday interview.

Casino proponents, such as Mayor Rob Ford, would face tougher odds in a referendum if Woodbine were removed from the list of potential sites. While polls have suggested that the public is opposed to a casino anywhere in the city, residents appear much more willing to consider one in suburban Etobicoke than on the downtown waterfront.

MGM, the Nevada-based giant that is already lobbying Ford and councillors, is pitching a $2-billion-plus entertainment Mecca that could include a hotel, theatres, nightclubs, restaurants, stores, gardens and a convention centre.

Woodbine is viable for a simple old-fashioned casino, Feldman said, but not the kind of multifaceted "entertainment destination" envisioned by MGM and the provincial government.

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U of T. Law school mulls ditching letter grades

They held a day before exams where stressed out law students could play with dogs. They offered yoga and foot massages to these future titans of trials.

Now, after two years of studying how to make often frazzled law students worry less about marks and actually enjoy what they're studying, the University of Toronto's law school is considering a plan to ditch its seven old letter grades (A, B+, B, C+, C, D, F) and introduce five kinder, gentler, broader categories of marks: High Honours, Honours, Pass, Low Pass and Fail.

It's a system adopted by the law schools of Berkeley, Harvard, Yale and Stanford.

"We're trying to shift the culture and give students permission to really follow their interests and not just focus on what marks they get in a course," said Alexis Archbold, assistant dean of students. It's part of a larger move to tackle mental health issues across Canadian universities, she said.

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Crime

East-end stabbing victim identified

Police have identified the man who was stabbed to death near a Victoria Park apartment last weekend as 35-year-old Jury Carpo.

Toronto police said in a news release on Monday that they charged 40-year-old Dennis Aquino after Carpo was found suffering from stab wounds Saturday night. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Halton

Man stole girl's dog, police say

Halton police are seeking the public's help in tracking down a man who stole a dog from a 14-year-old girl in Burlington.

Police say the girl was walking her four-year-old Shih Tzu poodle, Jackson, on Monday evening when she was approached by a man who began petting the dog.

He then removed the dog from its leash, picked up Jackson and made his way to a silver two-door car.

The suspect is described as 40 to 50 years old, five-foot-three to five-foot-eight, pudgy and scruffy.

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Baby dies after being found in bathtub

Fatality. Mother, child were staying at women's shelter

An 11-month-old baby boy has died after being pulled from a bathtub in a downtown Toronto women's shelter Tuesday morning.

Police say the child was pulled from a tub at Robertson House at 291 Sherbourne St. around 8:20 a.m. He wasn't breathing and CPR was performed.

He was rushed to the hospital where he was pronounced dead shortly afterward.

"We're still trying to determine exactly what happened. We're still collecting information and it's still early in our investigation,'' police spokesman Const. Tony Vella said when asked if charges would be laid.

"The mother has been spoken to by police" but not taken into custody, he added. He couldn't comment on the mother's age or how long she'd been in the shelter.

Two male police officers from 51 Division leave a shelter at 291 Sherbourne St. where earlier Tuesday morning a baby was found in a bathtub with vital signs absent. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

An autopsy hadn't yet been scheduled.

The City of Toronto's website says Robertson House offers help and services to homeless women who are pregnant or already have children. The home has 37 rooms with shared bathrooms. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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On the web

Bop to shop

Viewers of Diplo's new project, I Think She Ready, may want to keep their credit cards close at hand when checking out the music video. Those watching can also buy fashions worn by the artists on screen. See metronews.ca for the full story.

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Mobile news

A brew and a bro — it's the classic pairing, right? Not necessarily. From the rise of female brew masters to the growth of women's tasting groups, women are becoming much more than a pint-sized part of the brewing world. Scan the code for the story and video.

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Man dies in plunge from condo

Fire reported. Victim found lying on street after blaze breaks out in unit on 41st floor

Toronto police have classified the death of a man who fell from a high-rise condo building Tuesday morning as "suspicious."

Police, paramedic and fire officials arrived at the Residences of Maple Leaf Square at 55 Bremner Blvd., near Lake Shore Boulevard West and York Street, after a fire was reported at 6:25 a.m. Tuesday. It was extinguished shortly after.

Crews found the victim lying on the street on Lake Shore Boulevard West. Paramedics pronounced him dead at the scene. Covered by an orange blanket, his body lay beside a black BMW.

The man, who lives on the building's 41st floor, "fell" from his balcony, according to Sgt. Mark Randle. Police have not yet released the victim's name.

The condo unit was "torched," Randle said. The blaze caused extensive fire and water damage inside.

Another man who lived with the victim escaped unharmed, said Const. Tony Vella.

The tenants are friends and undergraduate students attending university in Toronto, said Omar Rahman, who owns the unit.

They had been renting the unit from Rahman for the past six to seven months. He heard about the incident around noon Tuesday.

"I was quite shaken up, having met the tenants ... for it actually to be my tenants, my unit," said Rahman, who declined to give their names.

The building was evacuated for an hour, before most residents were allowed to return. The 41st floor was temporarily off-limits, as 52 Division and Forensic Identification Services continued their investigation.

"I thought it was a false alarm, but then I started smelling smoke," said a woman living on the 40th floor, directly below the victim's unit. "I saw smoke coming out from, like, upstairs."

The woman's unit had water damage at the seams of the floor. It also smelled of smoke. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The coroner's office removes the remains of a man who fell to his death after a fire broke out in a high-rise building on 55 Bremner Blvd. early Tuesday morning.
ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Officer: I hit motorist in self-defence

Toronto Police Const. Bryan Thomas admits striking a man after pulling him over at the side of Black Creek Dr., but says he was defending himself after he was assaulted by the driver.

"I didn't use excessive force at all," Thomas testified Tuesday in Ontario Court at his trial for assault causing bodily harm.

Thomas was off-duty and driving south on Highway 400 with his girlfriend and daughters on Oct. 2, 2010, when another driver tried to "ram" his car off the road, he testified.

That driver, Sarkoon Oraha, has already testified he was driving at the 100 km/h speed limit behind the car Thomas was driving, who was going much slower.

Oraha told court he flashed his lights to get Thomas's vehicle out of the way, and when that didn't work, he passed on the shoulder, still driving 100 km/h.

Thomas told court he then flashed his badge and motioned to Oraha to pull over, intending to charge him with dangerous driving. "It appeared this guy was trying to run us off the road."

When Oraha got out of his vehicle, Thomas ordered him to get back into his car.

"He just kept walking toward me. He didn't listen to a word I said," said Thomas, an officer since 2001.

The two men struggled on Oraha's vehicle. Thomas said he told Oraha to put his hands on the hood, but "He was pulling away from me the whole time."

"That's when I swore," Thomas said, using the profanity. Oraha then tried to elbow him in his face and upper body, which Thomas said he blocked with his arm.

"I delivered two strikes to the side of his head," Thomas said. "I'm concerned he's going to hurt me. For my safety, I take him down on the ground," and "delivered a knee strike."

Had he been on duty, he said, he would have used pepper spray. Oraha broke free and ran away.

The case continues Wednesday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Motorist also charged

Oraha, who was also charged with assault, resisting arrest and dangerous driving, is suing police over the incident.

- **His statement of claim says** he suffered a fracture to his jaw that required surgery.

Pearson airport. Man allegedly sneaks aboard Panama-bound plane

Airport officials and police are investigating how a man apparently managed to dodge security at Canada's largest airport to hide inside a parked plane bound for Panama City on Monday.

"We had a situation where this man, who had no reason to be in the airport, somehow got past security. It absolutely was a secure area and he somehow got to the other side," Const. George Tudos said.

Trish Krale, a spokesperson for the Greater Toronto Airports Authority, said this is a unique allegation for Pearson airport.

"It's certainly an isolated incident," she said, and explained that she could not share information as to how the man got past security and ended up inside the parked Copa Airlines 737, where he was found by a team of dogs.

Trevor Kendall, 33, has been charged with mischief, breaking and entering into a plane, endangering the safety of the aircraft and obstructing police. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Stafford trial. Rafferty contacted auto wrecker, got rid of phone, court told

As the police investigation into the disappearance of eight-year-old Victoria Stafford turned to Michael Rafferty, he was contacting an auto wrecker, getting rid of his BlackBerry and complaining he was being investigated, court heard Tuesday.

Police had their eye on Terri-Lynne McClintic, one of several women Rafferty was dating at the time, almost immediately after Tori vanished outside her Woodstock, Ont., elementary school on April 8, 2009.

When two officers showed up at his house the evening of May 15 to interview him about Tori's case and ask him about McClintic, he was evidently not pleased.

Joy Woods, one of at least six women Rafferty met through dating website Plenty of Fish and started seeing after April 8, testified Tuesday that Rafferty was "very upset" when he called her on May 16.

"He seemed to feel that the police were blaming him for taking Tori," Woods said. "I assured him that if he hadn't there was nothing to worry about.... He couldn't figure out why they would blame him."

Pleas

- McClintic is already serving a life sentence after pleading guilty two years ago to first-degree murder. Rafferty, 31, has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping.

On May 11 Rafferty made two calls to an auto wrecker's shop in London, Ont., and went there that afternoon. There was no evidence about why Rafferty contacted them or what was discussed.

On May 14 he went to a Bell store to get a new BlackBerry, telling the sales associate that the battery wasn't lasting long and he was having trouble with his chargers, court heard.

He was given a loaner phone that day. Rafferty told Woods that he was getting a new phone because his old one got wet, but Bell documents show there were no signs of liquid damage to the BlackBerry.

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Protesters hold a sign to help shield children from the busy taxi traffic at the island airport. ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Island airport. Parents, teachers protest constant traffic near two schools

In a perfect world, you wouldn't build two schools near an airport.

But when the school complex opened in September 1997 at the west end of Harbourfront, David Miller was running for mayor on a platform that opposed building a bridge to the island airport.

But instead, business has continued to grow for Porter Airlines, and so has the number of cabs dodging pedestrians and idling outside the school.

"A lot of people who use Porter don't even realize that this is a building that houses two schools, a daycare and a community centre," said Kathryn Exner, parent of a child who attends the Waterfront School.

Parents and teachers have been holding protests about the constant airport traffic they say endangers their children.

"Cabs are constantly cutting kids off, there's really aggressive driving around here and nobody is really monitoring it," said Jackie Garrison, chair of the Waterfront School.

With the pressure on to do something, the Toronto Port Authority wants to set up an off-street taxi marshalling area by September. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Bunny Ranch

Premier red-faced over brothel

Premier Dalton McGuinty seemed a bit confused this morning when asked about the Moonlite Bunny Ranch eyeing Toronto for a new brothel. Informed that it was a Nevada brothel, a red-faced McGuinty laughed nervously and looked for a way out. He responded: "We're not going there. Next question." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Museum mystery

Statue appears in parking lot

Halton police have been trying to solve a mystery ever since an Oakville Museum employee showed up for work one morning, and in his parking spot stood a 500-pound marble statue, resembling the half-elephant half-man Hindu God, Ganesh. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Police investigation

Man faces charges in banking fraud

A Barrie man is facing a series of charges in connection with a $2.3-million banking fraud investigation. York Regional Police allege that over the last several months, eight customers unknowingly had money withdrawn from their line of credit accounts by a bank employee at a TD Canada Trust branch in Thornhill. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Speeder stopped

Cop rushes injured man to hospital

A provincial police officer is being commended for her quick thinking after stopping a speeder near Windsor, only to discover the passenger had severed his finger. The officer transferred the injured 29-year-old Amherstburg man to her cruiser and rushed him to Hotel-Dieu Grace hospital in Windsor. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canal Lift Bridge

Feds to spend millions on bridge

The federal government plans to spend millions of dollars to replace and upgrade machinery on the Burlington Canal Lift Bridge. A broken cable has left the lift bridge open at about 25 metres. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Budget. Liberals, NDP need to 'give a little' to reach a deal: McGuinty

Premier Dalton McGuinty and NDP Leader Andrea Horwath do not yet have a budget deal, but both are optimistic one can be reached to avert a snap election next week.

"We are in the ballpark. We're all going to have to give a little," McGuinty said Tuesday after a tour at the Liberty Village headquarters of Kobo, the eReader manufacturer.

The premier insisted there is only a "remote possibility" of Ontario being plunged into its second election in six months if the minority Liberals' budget is defeated next Tuesday.

Still, McGuinty said he was "disappointed" at Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak's refusal to participate in budget negotiations to keep the government afloat.

The premier warned Ontarians do not want "an unnecessary, expensive election" that could cost $100 million.

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Teachers vs. province

Challenge to be filed

In a sign of the growing discontent among teacher unions and the province, the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation says it plans to file a legal challenge on the bargaining process with the labour relations board. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Flavoured tobacco

New ban urged

Ontario needs another ban on candy-flavoured tobacco products after the industry found a loophole in the law before it went into effect, NDP health critic France Gelinas said Tuesday.

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Bullying law delayed over ORNGE bickering

A portrait of Mitchell Wilson is held during a media scrum. Mitchell later committed suicide and his story has become a cause celebre in the anti-bullying movement. KATE ALLEN/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Queen's Park. PCs blocking debate on new laws to protest handling of air ambulance fiasco.

A new law aimed at curbing bullying in Ontario schools is being stalled over political infighting at Queen's Park.

There is fear an anti-bullying bill created after two high-profile suicides won't be in place for the start of the next school year due to bickering among the parties.

For weeks, the Progressive Conservatives have blocked debate on all new laws, including the act that expels students who bully, to protest the government's handling of the ORNGE air ambulance scandal.

The Tories are using delay measures, such as ringing the Legislative bells when the House sits, to protest the lack of a broader, more powerful select committee to investigate ORNGE. Currently, there is a financially focused committee holding hearings but it doesn't have the same powers, they argue.

"We will continue to ring bells and use whatever tactics we can on our side to delay government legislation of all types until they at least come to us and talk to us on a select committee," said PC House Leader Jim Wilson.

But precious time is being wasted, said Liberal House Leader John Milloy.

There are only 37 hours of debate left in the House to discuss new laws and eight hours must be allocated for the budget, he explained.

"A lot of kids and educators are very anxious for this bill and the Tories aren't even debating it," said Milloy.

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Quotable:

"We are not singling it out."

Jim Wilson, PC House Leader, saying that his party is not picking on the Accepting Schools Act.

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Rocker's anti-Obama rant being probed

Ted Nugent addresses a seminar at the National Rifle Association's convention in Pittsburgh last year. GENE J. PUSKAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lashing out. Ted Nugent tells NRA that the president is 'evil'— secret service investigating speech

The U.S. Secret Service is reportedly investigating faded '70s rock star Ted Nugent for his recent insistence he'll be "dead or in jail" in a year's time if U.S. President Barack Obama is re-elected in November.

At a convention of the National Rifle Association over the weekend, the longtime gun advocate compared Obama and the Democrats to a coyote who should be shot.

"It isn't the enemy that ruined America," he said as he reaffirmed his endorsement of Republican front-runner Mitt Romney.

"It's good people who bent over and let the enemy in. If the coyote's in your living room pissing on your couch, it's not the coyote's fault. It's your fault for not shooting him.

"If Barack Obama becomes the president in November again, I will either be dead or in jail by this time next year," he said angrily. "We need to ride into that battlefield and chop their heads off in November."

The Secret Service says it's aware of the weekend remarks and is looking into them.

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Quotable

"Threatening violence — or whatever it is that Nugent's threatening — is clearly beyond the pale, but Nugent's not the one running for president."

Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Democratic National Committee
Calling on Mitt Romney to condemn Nugent's remarks

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Gun show in his sight

Sale room assistant Victor Seaward holds a pair of Indian 28-Bore Silver-Mounted Flintlock Pistols at Bonhams Auctioneers on Tuesday in London, England. The pistols, circa 1785, are estimated at £30,000-£40,000, or $47,000-$63,000, and form part of the Antique Arms and Armour sale to be held on Wednesday. PETER MACDIARMID/GETTY IMAGES

Prostitution

Put the wrap on condom evidence: Sex workers

Advocates for sex workers want New York to become the first U.S. state to ban police officers from confiscating condoms as evidence in prostitution cases, saying it has a chilling effect on disease protection.

To bolster their case, a group issued a report Tuesday showing fear of police harassment and arrest has prompted some prostitutes to carry fewer or no condoms and have sex without them, despite massive government giveaways.

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Public nuisance

No sex on Wisconsin beach, officials declare

Nudity on the beach? Sure. Sex in the woods? No way.

Nudists from around the country have flocked to a section of soft, sandy Wisconsin River shoreline for decades, confident police and prosecutors won't go after them.

But the fun doesn't stop at sunbathing — many people are slipping off into the woods for sex. But officials plan to close the woods around the beach in an attempt to force people to show some decorum.

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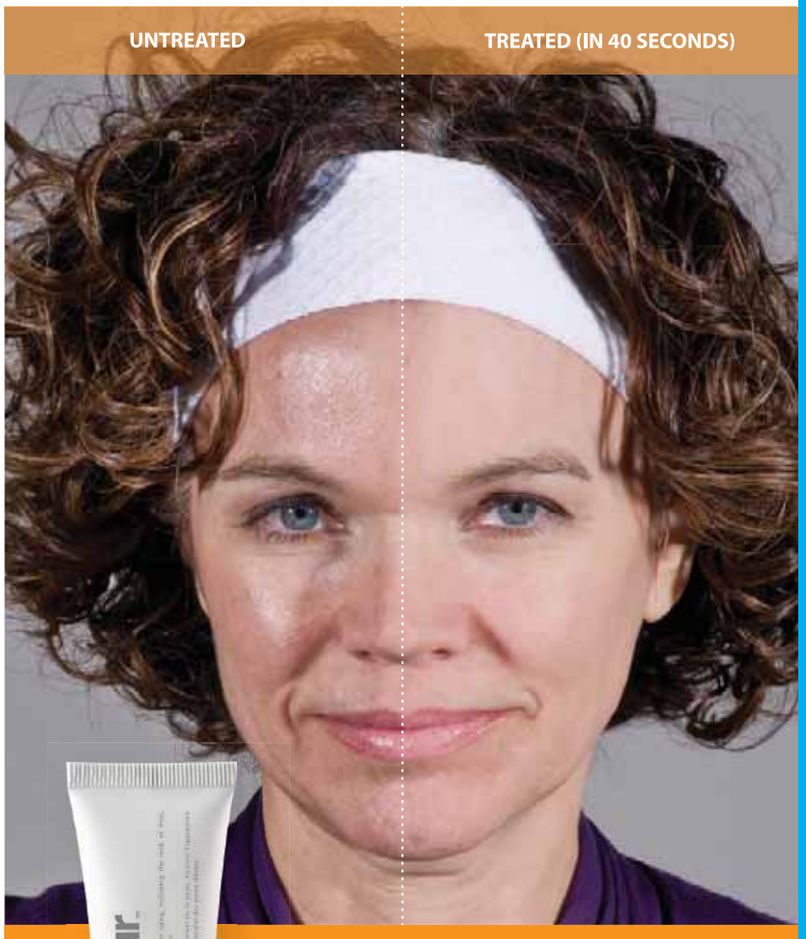

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Construction magnate's arrest may spark bombshells in Quebec

Province jolted. Reclusive Tony Accurso is arrested with 13 others in a case with far-reaching political repercussions

Quebec construction magnate Tony Accurso is surrounded by media as he leaves a police facility in Montreal Tuesday. PAUL CHAISSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A prominent Quebec construction magnate whose cosy ties to politicians and links to business figures have triggered allegations of scandal is facing six fraud-related charges in a case that could have far-reaching political repercussions.

Tony Accurso was among 14 people arrested by the anti-corruption unit of the Quebec provincial police in raids Tuesday.

The arrests could lead to an in-depth look into the murky world of contract bidding at the municipal and provincial levels.

Accurso, a major player in the Quebec construction industry, has seen his name surface in alleged construction scandals that have rocked the province for years involving municipal and provincial politicians and union bosses.

But the reclusive businessman had never been charged with anything — until being swept up in an alleged bribery scandal in Mascouche, a small town in Montreal's posh northern suburbs.

Police say Accurso and others were involved in kickbacks and bribes exchanged for favourable contracts or privileged information key to the bidding process.

Authorities say the practice has been going on for several years.

Accurso faces six charges: fraud, conspiracy, influence-peddling, breach of trust and two counts of defrauding the government.

The 18-month investigation culminated in a total of 47 charges.

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The fallout

The criminal charges could have an influence that goes far beyond the courtroom.

- **THE PROBE.** Premier jean Charest has called an inquiry into widespread allegations of corruption involving the Quebec construction industry and its ties to political parties and the awarding of public contracts.
- **THE ELECTION.** It is unclear what impact the arrests will have on the timing of a provincial election. Charest may be tempted to go to the polls in the spring before proceedings start.

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Charter of Rights

Chrétien hits out at the 'culture of grievance' in Quebec

Jean Chrétien says Quebec politicians have cultivated a "culture of grievance" over their exclusion from the 1982 deal to patriate Canada's Constitution.

"They have a culture of grievance over it, not looking at the facts,'' Chrétien said. But Quebecers have been benefiting from the Charter ever since, he added.

The ex-prime minister was justice minister then and did much of the heavy lifting to negotiate the pact that brought home the Constitution, with a Charter of Rights, 30 years ago Tuesday.

He has been demonized for his part in the so-called night of the long knives, when a compromise was hatched that won the support of nine provinces — over the objections of Quebec's then-separatist government.

Chrétien said 90 per cent of Quebecers favoured ending Canada's status as a "legal colony.''

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Student strife. 'Fascist' outburst sparks a fuss

A Quebec civil servant has been reprimanded for saying pro-fascist movements should serve as inspiration in the fight against student protesters.

Bernard Guay, head of the tax office in the municipal affairs department, wrote a vehement letter against the student protests that have rocked Quebec.

The letter was published on the website of Le Soleil but it generated such an outcry that the newspaper withdrew it and apologized.

Guay wrote about putting an end to "the tyranny of left-wing agitators" and said the "fascist movements" of the '20s and '30s should serve as inspiration in fighting students who are opposed to planned tuition hikes.

Municipal Affairs Minister Laurent Lessard called Guay's comments "inappropriate" and said administrative action was taken against him.

Lessard refused to elaborate.

For two months, 165,000 Quebec students have been fighting against the hikes, staging walkouts and blocking entrances to classrooms.

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Police negotiate with masked students who barricaded themselves in the Université du Québec en Outaouais in Gatineau, Que. The students later left peacefully. FRED CHARTRAND, THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Activists hold white placards reading "Syria stop" during the "White Wave" campaign to protest against the violence in Syria, in Paris, Tuesday. THIBAULT CAMUS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Syria sanctions are working: Official

Protest. French minister hopes financial penalties will stop Syrian repression

International sanctions targeting Syria's repressive regime have depleted its foreign currency reserves by half - and Damascus is actively trying to evade them, the French foreign minister said Tuesday.

Alain Juppe called for a solid international response to such Syrian "manoeuvres" as he opened a Paris meeting of some 57 countries, including Arab League states, to reinforce sanctions against Syrian President Bashar Assad.

In an effort to ramp up the pressure in the face of a faltering cease-fire, Juppe plans to hold a meeting of core members of the Friends of Syria on Thursday, a French diplomatic source told The Associated Press. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and the foreign ministers of Qatar and Turkey are among the invitees.

The aim is to send a "firm message" to Assad's regime, which has only partially complied with the truce aimed at ending 13 months of violence, the source said on condition of anonymity because the details of the meeting were still being finalized.

The international community has tried a variety of ways to pressure Assad's regime into ending its crackdown, including financial sanctions, the subject of Tuesday's meeting.

Juppe said Syrian authorities "continue to actively seek alternate routes to get around these sanctions. Others (countries) are more or less offering alternative deals. We must respond to these manoeuvres."

"Our meeting is in itself a message: the Syrian regime must understand that it cannot continue its repression with impunity, and refuse the political transition laid out under (international envoy Kofi) Annan's plan and expected by the Syrian people," Juppe said after the closed-door talks between diplomats and Finance Ministry officials from the Arab world, the European Union, the U.S. and others - also held under the Friends of Syria banner.

Two Arab League nations – Syrian neighbours Iraq and Lebanon – were not attending. They have said that enforcing sanctions with Syria is hard for them to carry out, according to diplomats.

After the meeting, a statement appealed to Syrian businessmen who support the regime's repression to break their ties with Assad and said anyone already facing sanctions could be de-listed if they show their opposition to the crackdown. The working group also agreed to meet again in Washington next month.

Western diplomats say a string of EU, U.S. and other sanctions is affecting Assad by curbing Syria's ability to export oil and impeding the ability of his cronies and relatives to do business abroad.

Europe has agreed to sanctions against Syria's oil sector – depriving Damascus of the market for nearly 90 per cent of its oil export revenues. The regime is losing about $400 million in revenues each month, French diplomats have said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Syria's reserves

The actual size of Syria's foreign currency reserves was believed to be around $17 billion at the start of the uprising in March 2011.

- **Dwindling finances.** Juppe didn't specify how much of Syria's finances were impacted by sanctions, but said "our information" is that they have been cut in half.

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Tories' plan is praised and panned

Environment. Major overhaul of rules will create jobs, say feds. Nonsense, says NDP — the big companies will be winners

A major overhaul of environmental assessment rules for big projects will create jobs and growth, the federal government announced Tuesday.

The Tory announcement sparked resource industry praise and fierce criticism from environmental groups.

First signalled in last month's budget, the government said proposed new rules would encourage investment by avoiding wasteful duplication and setting strict time limits for project reviews.

"We intend to focus federal assessment efforts on major projects that can have significant environmental effects, such as energy and mining projects," Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver said.

"Streamlining the review process … will attract significant investment dollars and give every region of our country a tremendous economic boost."

The plan calls for three organizations — the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, the National Energy Board and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission — to conduct reviews, down from 40 government departments that can currently be involved.

But Opposition New Democrats and environmental groups accused the Conservative government of ramming through legislation that would "rubber-stamp" assessments to the benefit of large corporations.

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End of an era?

"This is really a weakening of key environmental protection measures that have been in place for decades. It's meant to pave the way for Big Oil to get what it wants."

Gillian McEachern,
with Environmental Defence.

Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver takes a question during a Toronto-area news conference Tuesday. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

O Canada … we're oh, so proud of you

That tiny Maple Leaf flag on a child's cheek says it all. Five-year-old Andromeda Bromwich on Tuesday shows that even youngsters like to show off their pride in Canada. Andromeda and Liberal interim leader Bob Rae are pictured as they took part in a dance to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms in downtown Ottawa. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Internet. Mom, dad are Facebook snoops: Survey

More than 50 per cent of the Canadian parents surveyed for a study on online safety admitted they secretly access their teenager's Facebook account.

According to a survey conducted in 11 countries by security company AVG, the global average of snooping parents was 44 per cent.

Still, Canadian parents were less likely to spy on their teens than those in the U.S. and Spain, where 61 per cent admitted to monitoring Facebook covertly.

When accounting for the results from all countries, mothers were more likely than fathers to do the cyber-stalking.

About 49 per cent of the moms admitted to doing so, compared to 39 per cent of dads.

Canadian parents were second most likely to be Facebook friends with their teens.

About 66 per cent said their kids had accepted their friend request, compared to 72 per cent in the U.S., and just 32 per cent in France and 10 per cent in Japan.

When it came to worries about online behaviour, about 38 per cent of Canadian parents said they worried their teen's actions on social networks could affect their future job, school or dating prospects, compared to 40 per cent in the U.S. and 42 per cent globally.

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Smoking. Tory cuts boost Big Tobacco, activists say

National health groups are condemning the Harper government for cuts to a federal non-smoking program.

Melodie Tilson, from the Non-Smokers Rights Association, says the cuts give tobacco companies the upper hand in influencing future health policy decisions.

"Why would the Harper government gut a program that saves the lives of Canadians, saves government money and safeguards the health and well-being of our youth?" Tilson asked.

The federal budget cut $15 million — more than 30 per cent — from the Federal Tobacco Control Strategy, which has reduced the number of smokers across Canada.

The winner?

"Consider who wins by this decision. The only winner — and they are big winners — is Big Tobacco."

Melodie Tilson,
Non-Smokers Rights Association.

But Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq listed several government anti-smoking initiatives, including warning labels on cigarette packaging, a national hotline for people who want to quit smoking and a ban on small, flavoured cigarettes targeted at youth.

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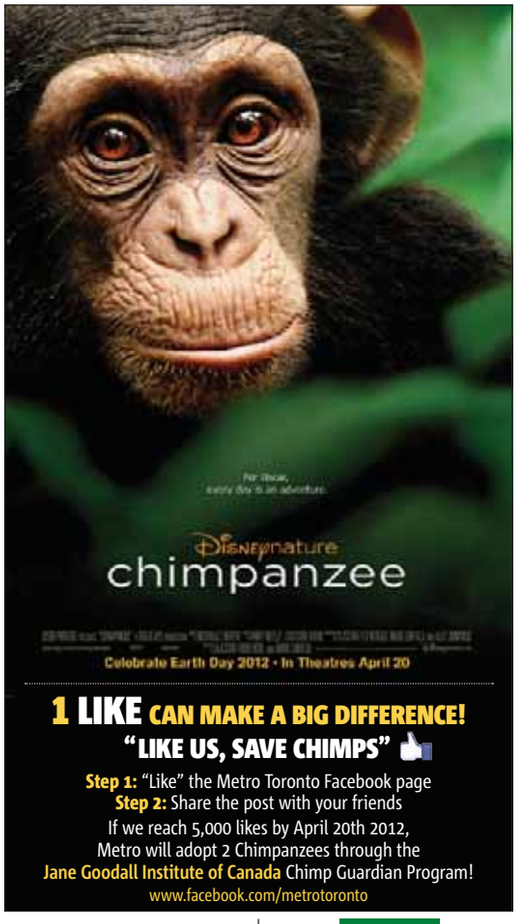

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Leader wrong on gases: Researcher

Controversial opinions. Wildrose's Danielle Smith facing heat for her views on climate change

One of Alberta's top researchers says remarks by Alberta Wildrose party Leader Danielle Smith on climate change suggest the province's political leaders need to brush up on their scientific literacy.

"I wonder if she thinks the flat Earth debate is settled?" asked University of Alberta ecologist David Schindler. "It's very discouraging in an era when sound policy requires scientific literacy in its leaders."

Smith said Monday in an online election forum that the science around climate change is not settled and the appropriate response from the Alberta government would be to monitor the debate. Her position has long been Wildrose policy.

Smith stood by those comments Tuesday.

"I have said for years the same things I said yesterday," she said in Calgary.

Wildrose Leader Danielle Smith makes a campaign stop in Calgary, Tuesday. Albertans go to the polls on April 23. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

But scientists say while debate remains about how fast global warming will take place and what its consequences will be, there is no longer any real doubt that greenhouse gas emissions are the main cause of climate change.

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Alberta

NDP says it's best for emissions

Alberta NDP Leader Brian Mason says Albertans can forget about reining in greenhouse gas emissions under Wildrose leadership.

Mason says if Danielle Smith and her Wildrose party don't believe that human activity is causing global warming, Smith isn't likely to impose sanctions on polluters if her party wins government.

But he says Premier Alison Redford's government shouldn't be too smug.

He says Redford's Progressive Conservatives have been talking for years about their concerns over greenhouse gases while doing very little to force industrial polluters to cut emissions.

He adds that both parties are funded heavily by the oil companies and as such can be counted on to do their bidding.

Mason says an NDP government would order oil companies to eliminate environmental problems like toxic tailings ponds.

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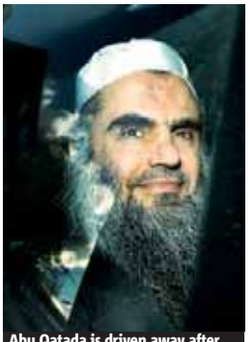
Jordan promises 'fair trial'. Britain may soon be able to deport cleric



Abu Qatada is driven away after being refused bail on Tuesday. MATT DUNHAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A radical Islamist cleric fighting deportation from Britain to Jordan was again behind bars Tuesday, and the U.K. said it hoped to finally expel the preacher after a decade of legal wrangling.

Home Secretary Theresa May said new assurances from Jordan to offer a fair trial to Abu Qatada, a Palestinian-Jordanian preacher described in Spanish and British courts as a leading al-Qaida figure in Europe, should allow the saga to end.

Authorities in Britain have been trying to expel the preacher since 2001, but after a lengthy legal battle the European Court of Human Rights ruled in January that Abu Qatada could not be deported to Jordan because of a risk that evidence obtained through torture would be used against him there.

Abu Qatada has previously been convicted in absentia in Jordan of terrorist offences related to two alleged bomb plots in 1999 and 2000, and he will face a retrial if deported from Britain.

The preacher was arrested on Tuesday by U.K. Border Agency officers and denied bail at a hearing at the Special Immigration Appeals Commission — a court that handles deportation and national security cases.

He had been freed in February following the European court's ruling, albeit on strict bail conditions.

Following two visits by British ministers to Jordan and telephone talks between Prime Minister David Cameron and Jordan's King Abdullah II, Britain had secured a series of pledges to address the European court's concerns, May said.

May said that Jordan had vowed that no information gleaned through torture would be used in the cleric's case and had changed its constitution to bar the use of such evidence.

Britain first attempted to deport Abu Qatada in 2001. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Romania

Public funds used to finance a book featuring fascist leader

A Holocaust research centre in Romania says public funds were used to finance a children's poetry book that features on its cover Romania's Second World war fascist leader.

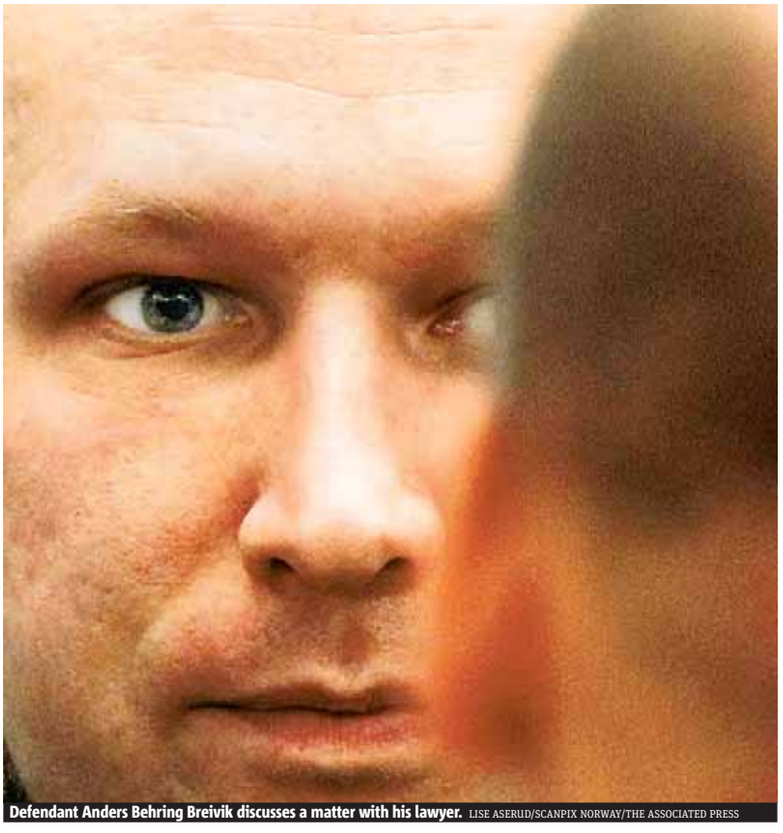
The National Institute for the Study of the Holocaust in Romania blasted a local council for helping publish the book by George Ungureanu, 100, a former member of pro-Hitler group active in Romania during the war.

The book has Corneliu Zelea Codreanu, founder of the fascist Iron Guard legion, on its cover.

Guard members gained notoriety for vicious anti-Semitism. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shooter gives speech to courtroom in Oslo

Day 2 of Norway's mass killer trial. Anti-Muslim fanatic insists on finishing his whole diatribe, or not speaking at all



Defendant Anders Behring Breivik discusses a matter with his lawyer. LISE ASERUD/SCANPIX NORWAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In a scene unimaginable in many countries, Norway's worst mass killer since the Second World War gets to explain his fanatical views to the court and the world for days dressed up in a business suit.

Two days into Anders Behring Breivik's terror trial, the studied formality with which Norway's legal system deals with a confessed killer who rejects its authority is baffling to outsiders, even to some Norwegians.

On Monday, the day the trial started, Norwegian prosecutors and even lawyers representing the families of his 77 victims shook Breivik's hand as proceedings began.

On Tuesday, the 33-year-old far-right militant was allowed to give an hour-long address to the court, reading from a statement that summarized the anti-Islamic manifesto that he posted online before his bomb-and-shooting rampage nine months ago.

"The attacks on July 22 were a preventive strike. I acted in self-defence on behalf of my people, my city, my country," Breivik declared.

He was demanding to be found innocent of terror and murder charges. He set off a bomb outside the government headquarters in Oslo, killing eight, then drove to Utoya island outside the capital and massacred 69 people in a shooting spree at the governing Labor Party's youth summer camp on the island.

It was the most "spectacular" attack by a nationalist militant since the Second World War, he boasted.

The court's main judge interrupted Breivik several times Tuesday, asking him to get to the point, but let him continue after he threatened that he would either finish his speech or not speak at all.

"It is critically important that I can explain the reason and the motive" for the massacre, said Breivik.

Breivik, who has admitted the attacks, said it doesn't matter if he's sent to prison, because living in a country ruled by "multiculturalists" was a prison in itself. The main point of his defence is to avoid an insanity ruling. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Accused gives speech

"What I see happening in Norway with Breivik's statement is a trial about politics, not legal evidence." Jeff Kass, a reporter who wrote a book about the 1999 Columbine school shooting in the United States.

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Earthquakes. Fracking for oil causes earth to shake, rattle and roll

Two separate studies are providing insights into the earth-shaking consequences of the controversial gas extraction process known as fracking.

Both studies confirm that hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, can trigger man-made earthquakes when water, sand and chemicals are blasted deep into the ground to fracture rock for oil and natural gas.

Energy companies are increasingly using the technique across Canada, including in B.C. where there is already regular seismic activity and an ever-looming threat of various sized tremors.

The U.S. Geological Survey is set to release its findings Wednesday that a "remarkable" increase of quakes in the U.S. since 2001 is "almost certainly" the result of fracking.

U.K. experts, meanwhile, point to a study released Monday that found recent earthquakes in northwest England were caused by fluid injection into a nearby fault zone as evidence fracking can be safe when conducted by responsible operators. THE CANADIAN PRESS

An unidentified worker steps through a maze of hoses at a fracking site run by Halliburton in Rulison, Colo. DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mental illness?

Group calls for ban on exorcisms

A group that promotes secularism is calling for a prohibition on exorcisms after an incident in Saskatoon.

The Centre for Inquiry says there's no good evidence that exorcisms work and that they can do more harm than good.

Centre spokesman Justin Trottier said most cases of claimed demonic possession are misdiagnoses of genuine and serious mental health conditions.

The comments come after a priest was called to a Saskatoon home last month by a woman who said her uncle showed signs of being possessed by the devil.

Blessings were offered until his behaviour returned to normal, but the Catholic Church says no formal exorcism took place.

Bishop Don Bolen says it's not clear if the Saskatoon man was possessed or was having a mental breakdown. He says Catholic Church leaders are considering whether they need a trained exorcist. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Secret Service probe to begin

Scandal. U.S. Secret Service and military are being investigated for soliciting prostitutes

Fallout from a Secret Service prostitution scandal ricocheted around the U.S. capital Tuesday, with congressional and military investigators digging into the situation more deeply and the White House facing questions about the competency of the agency designed to protect U.S. President Barack Obama's life.

At least 20 women were involved in last weekend's incident with Secret Service agents, U.S. military personnel and prostitutes at a Colombian hotel just before Obama arrived for a regional summit, a senator briefed on the situation said. The agency has referred the matter to an independent government investigator, according to a second senator.

The scandal has become a growing embarrassment for the Obama administration, and the fresh flurry of activity squashed White House hopes that the matter could be left behind in Colombia once Air Force One was wheels up.

The focus fell Tuesday on Secret Service director Mark Sullivan, who shuttled between meetings at the Congress outlining what his investigators in Washington and in Colombia have found out about the incident.

Lawmakers peppered Sullivan with questions, chief among them: who were the women the agents allegedly had in their rooms, and did the women have access to sensitive information that could have jeopardized the president's security.

At the White House, Obama was asked at the conclusion of a Rose Garden event whether he believed Sullivan should resign. The president ignored the shouted inquiries; his spokesman later said Obama had confidence in Sullivan.

"Director Sullivan acted quickly in response to this incident and is overseeing an investigation as we speak into the matter," White House press secretary Jay Carney said.

Conflicting accounts

"Some are admitting (the women) were prostitutes; others are saying they're not."
Peter King, Republican Representative

On Thursday, 11 Secret Service agents were recalled to the U.S. from Colombia and placed on administrative leave after a night of partying that allegedly ended with at least some bringing prostitutes back to their hotel. On Monday, the agency announced that it also had revoked their security clearances.

At least 10 U.S. military personnel staying at the same hotel also were being investigated for their role in the alleged misconduct. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Dog days. Mitt Romney criticized for strapping pet dog to car's roof

The sorry tale of Seamus, the Irish setter who spent 12 stressful hours atop Mitt Romney's station wagon on a road trip to Canada, is back in the spotlight after the Republican front-runner and his wife faced questions about the 1983 incident in a high-profile prime-time interview.

"The dog loved it," a laughing Ann Romney told ABC's Diane Sawyer in an interview earlier this week.

"He would see that crate and, you know, he would go crazy because he was going with us on vacation. It was to me a kinder thing to bring him along (rather) than leave him in the kennel for two weeks."

Sawyer, however, questioned the extent of Seamus's enjoyment as he sat in a windy crate on the roof of the car for 12 hours. She pointed out the dog had experienced intestinal distress during the drive from Boston to the Lake Huron community of Grand Bend, where the Romney family still owns a cottage.

According to a 2007 Boston Globe profile of Mitt Romney, his disgusted boys alerted their father to the fact that Seamus was suffering from diarrhea as they made their way to the cottage.

Romney stopped at the next service station, hosed down the dog, the car and the carrier, returned Seamus to his stoop and continued to Canada. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Criticism

Asked if he'd ever again transport a dog that way, Mitt Romney replied "Certainly not with the attention it's received," saying the story had been "the most wounding" to his campaign.

- **That response prompted renewed anger on various social media platforms.** "Wrong reason," one Twitter user wrote.
- **Dogs Against Romney's Scott Crider expressed dismay.** "In other words, Mr. Romney still sees nothing wrong with what he did ... and the only reason he wouldn't do it again is to avoid personal political backlash,'' he said Tuesday.

Dalai Lama greets Hawaiian canoe crew

In a photo provided by Pillars of Peace Hawaii, the Dalai Lama jokes with members of the crew of the Hawaiian voyaging canoe Hokulea following the Earth blessing and consecration of the canoe on Monday in Kaneohe, Hawaii. The Hokulea is being prepared for an around the world trip.

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Child arrest

Tantrums illegal?

Police in Georgia handcuffed a kindergartner with her arms behind her back after the girl threw a tantrum. The police chief defended the action as a safety measure.

The girl's family demanded that their central Georgia city change policy so that other children aren't treated the same way. They say the child was shaken up by the ordeal.

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Child pornography

Man faces more porn charges

A man charged in Indiana with coercing two teenage boys into making sexually explicit online videos, and who boasted to FBI agents that he had done this more than 100 times, now faces federal charges in Michigan for the same offence.

The U.S. attorney's office on Friday filed charges of production of child pornography and enticement against Richard Finkbiner, 39, who could face from 15 years to life in prison if convicted. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Mounties firing process 'madness', says top cop

Management. Deputy Commissioner calls for changes to RCMP Act

RCMP Deputy Commissioner Craig Callens said the RCMP Act is long overdue for change to allow local management to hire and fire like other employers in the country. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The man in charge of the RCMP in British Columbia says the laborious process of firing or even suspending Mounties without pay after serious misconduct is "absolute madness," but making changes requires a commitment from the force's political masters.

RCMP Deputy Commissioner Craig Callens said the RCMP Act is long overdue for change to allow local management to hire and fire like other employers in the country.

For example, Callens said an application was made years ago to suspend Cpl. Benjamin "Monty" Robinson without pay, but the request was rejected at RCMP headquarters in Ottawa.

Robinson was convicted last month of obstruction of justice in the death of a young motorcyclist in Delta, B.C. He admitted to taking two shots of vodka to "calm his nerves" after the accident and before he gave himself up to investigating officers, but the court heard testimony that Robinson would have known those actions can be used to cover up drunk driving.

A year before the traffic accident, Robinson was the senior officer in charge when Polish immigrant Robert Dziekanski was jolted several times with an RCMP Taser and died at Vancouver's airport. Robinson and three fellow officers still face perjury charges, accused of lying under oath in that case.

Commissioner Thomas Braidwood concluded in his final report into Dziekanski's death that the officers deliberately misrepresented their actions during the investigations and during their testimony to his inquiry.

"I want him (Robinson) dismissed from the RCMP," Callens told a forum at the Radio Television Digital News Association annual provincial gathering on the weekend.

"Now he's convicted of obstruction of justice and so I say to myself, a reasonable-minded Canadian, a British Columbian, is outraged by that. I'm outraged by that."

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Rafferty familiar with area of murder, court hears

The trial of a man accused of killing Victoria Stafford has heard that a route he frequently travelled with an ex-girlfriend took him within a couple of minutes of where the eight-year-old girl was killed.

Tori was killed on April 8, 2009, but her remains went undiscovered for months under rocks in a corner of a remote farmer's field southeast of Mount Forest, Ont.

The area is more than 100 kilometres from where the Grade 3 student was abducted outside her school in Woodstock, Ont.

Michael Rafferty, 31, has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping.

His trial is hearing that at various points in his life Rafferty lived, worked and went to school in the Mount Forest area.

Ex-girlfriend Jennifer Etsell testified that when she dated Rafferty for several months in 2006 she would pick him up in Guelph, Ont., where he was living, and drive him to visit her in Hanover, Ont., on the weekends, taking a route that passed through Mount Forest.

Rafferty said his licence was suspended at the time, Etsell said, and that's why she picked him up. Under cross-examination she agreed her route stayed on Highway 6 and did not venture onto the rural back roads in the area.

The route from Highway 6 to the field where Tori was killed involved exiting the highway at one side road and turning onto another side road, court has seen.

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Law Suit

Assault victim sues navy medic, seeks $1M in damages

A young woman who was sexually assaulted by a former Canadian navy medic during a physical exam when she was a recruit is suing the Department of National Defence and her assailant.

The aboriginal woman, who was 17 at the time, is seeking $1 million in damages for sexual assault, battery and negligence.

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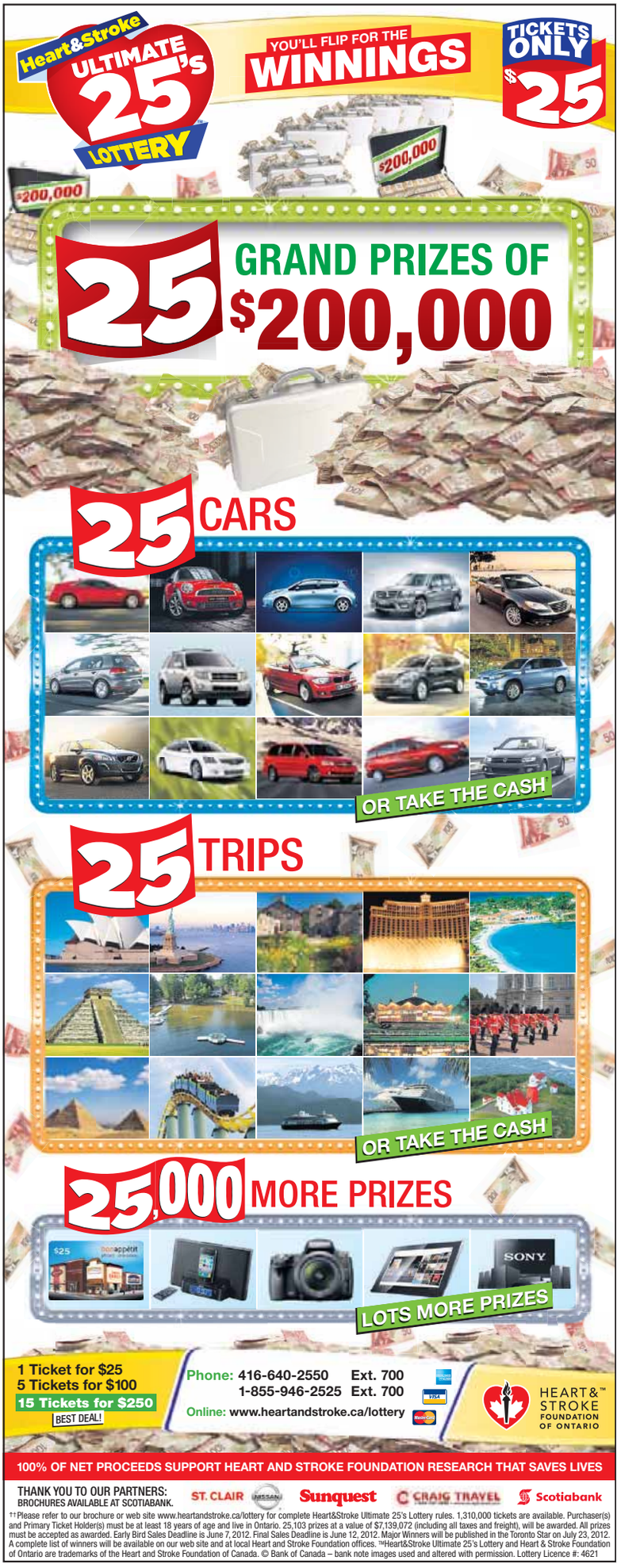
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Planetary phenomena. Scientists recreate the sounds of outer space by drawing on physics and mathematics

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In space, the saying goes, no one can hear you scream. But what does space itself sound like?

Scientists used the principles of physics and mathematics to recreate the sounds of Venus, Mars and Saturn's moon Titan. Using the different aspects of pressures, temperatures and atmospheres they replicated what various natural phenomena like thunder and whirlwinds would sound like.

"All these probes have gone to other worlds and they have brilliant cameras, but they never told us what other worlds sound like," Tim Leighton, professor of ultrasonics and underwater acoustics at the University of Southampton, told Metro. He spearheaded the planetary sounds project.

Leighton explained that things sound differently on different planets because of the different atmospheres on any given planet.

Using the example of human voice, the way we make sound while talking is simple. The speaker creates audible words by vibrating their vocal chords. The higher the pitch, the faster the vocal chords move. By sounding higher, it makes the speaker seem smaller.

When you listen to someone speak, there is a slight echo of every note you say that comes from inside your body and outside from your surroundings.

This helps the listener perceive whether or not you are speaking in a big room or a tiny closet and how big of a creature you are. Leighton said that unconscious ability to hear these echoes probably developed as a survival trait so humans could figure out exactly how big that animal roaring in the distance was.

Things change on different planets. For example, on Venus, the pitch of someone's voice would drop from a soprano to a bass because they would have to push the thick, soupy atmosphere out of the way with the sound waves of their vocal projection. Also, because the speed of sound travels much faster on Venus, it would make the person sound smaller. You'd have to yell as well: The dense atmosphere would make it hard to hear.

"You'd sound like a bass Smurf," Leighton explained.

Titan

Sound of Saturn

Tim Leighton previously made headlines when he predicted what a waterfall of liquid methane would sound like on Titan.

When the Huygen's probe was sent to explore Titan for water in 2004, he wondered to himself what would happen if all visual equipment failed on the craft from the impact of the crash. Leighton said the only way to find out if the probe hit water would be to listen for the splash or a surrounding waterfall, but it wouldn't sound like what we normally hear on Earth.

Saturn's moon is especially interesting to researchers because it is the only other planet besides Earth where evidence of stable bodies of surface liquid had been found, and its climate has also been found to be similar to our planet. **MICHELLE CASTILLO/METRO WORLD NEWS**

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Discovery hitches a ride home

Space Shuttle Discovery, mounted atop a 747 shuttle carrier aircraft, prepares to land at Washington Dulles International Airport during the final trip to its retirement place on Tuesday in Chantilly, Virginia. The longest-serving orbiter in the space shuttle fleet was flown from Kennedy Space Center in Florida to the Washington, D.C. area to be transferred to the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum and will be placed on display in the museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center. ALEX WONG/GETTY IMAGES

Suspicions still abound in Egypt's deadly soccer riot

Top cops among those charged. 75 fans killed in February melee; victims mostly fans of Cairo's Al-Ahly team; most defendants fans of Port Said team

A defendant facing charges relating to soccer deaths reacts at trial. HOSSAM ALI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fans charged in Egypt's deadliest soccer riot declared their innocence in the first session of their trial Tuesday.

And they directed their anger toward police, charged with collaborating in the killing of 75 supporters of a rival team.

Nine senior officers, including six police generals and a colonel, are among the 73 people charged in the case. The officers were present in the courtroom, dressed in traditional white defendant uniforms, but they were not held in the courtroom cage with the rest of those on trial.

If the police are convicted, it would further fuel widespread speculation that the country's much-despised Interior Ministry force allowed the bloody February 2012 attack on fans of a soccer club with which they have a long antagonistic history.

Most of the defendants are fans of Al-Masry, the main sports club in the Mediterranean city of Port Said, where the attack took place.

The majority of the victims were fans of a rival team, Cairo's Al-Ahly, whose supporters are credited with playing a major role in the 18-day popular uprising that toppled longtime President Hosni Mubarak last year.

Survivors of the attack charge that police allowed the attack by Al-Masry fans to deteriorate into bloodshed.

Others have suggested that former regime loyalists hired thugs to kill Al-Ahly fans. "Where is Mubarak?" the defendants chanted, reflecting their suspicion of the ousted regime.

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North Korea celebrates

A family poses for a picture in front of portraits of the late leaders Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong-il at a festival for the "Kimilsungia" flower to mark 100 years since the birth of North Korea's late founder in Pyongyang, North Korea, Tuesday. VINCENT YU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chile

Harper, wife awakened by major quake

Prime Minister Harper and his wife Laureen were awakened by a major earthquake as they overnighted in the Chilean capital.

Buildings shook throughout the city at around 12:50 a.m. Tuesday in a 6.7 magnitude earthquake centred 112 kilometres from Santiago.

"The prime minister and his wife were at the hotel when the earthquake happened," said Harper's spokesperson. No Canadians were injured.

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Near Aspen

Cows take shelter and freeze

It may take explosives to dislodge a group of cows that wandered into an old ranger cabin high in the Rocky Mountains, then died and froze solid. They were discovered in March.

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Halifax beating victim tried to stop fight: Police

Good Samaritan. Police not ruling out hate crime as possible factor in well-known gay activist's death

ALY THOMSON
For Metro in Halifax

Ingrid Cottenden paints in front of a makeshift memorial to Raymond Taavel on Gottingen St. in Halifax yesterday. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

A well-known activist in the Halifax gay community died a Good Samaritan early Tuesday morning after attempting to stop a fight between two men outside a bar, police say.

Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter said Raymond Taavel intervened between his alleged assailant, 32-year-old Andre Noel Denny, and another man outside the Menz Bar on Gottingen Street.

"The suspect turned and then began assaulting him," said Palmeter. "A passerby saw the injured man and the man running and was able to lead us in the direction to help us locate him."

Denny was found a short time later hiding in a nearby alley and police are treating the 49-year-old Taavel's death as a homicide, said Palmeter.

He'll appear in Halifax provincial court today charged with second-degree murder.

Police also would not say if the incident relates to a hate crime. Menz Bar is a gay bar in the city's north end.

"There has been speculation online and in the community that this was a hate crime," a statement by police read. "While we cannot provide specific information about the case as it is still under investigation, police have spoken to a number of witnesses and are considering all possibilities with respect to the motive."

Denny was a patient at the East Coast Forensic Hospital in Dartmouth and failed to return to the facility following an unescorted leave on Monday. He was in the hospital after being found not criminally responsible on a charge of assault causing bodily harm from Sydney.

Court documents from 2009 describe Denny as suffering from paranoid schizophrenia and "being grossly psychotic" with a history of "aggressiveness, impulsivity and unpredictability."

Assault. Raymond Taavel wrote of previous gay-bashing in 2010

Raymond Taavel, a Halifax activist, died Tuesday after attempting to break up a fight. FACEBOOK

Tuesday's early-morning beating was not the first time Raymond Taavel was assaulted, according to a chilling article written by the victim himself two years ago in Wayves Magazine.

In the May 2010 article, Taavel, a former editor of the LGTB magazine, published a first-person account of his encounter with two men at a local pizza shop.

The 49-year-old, who died yesterday after being assaulted outside a bar on Gottingen St. in Halifax yesterday, wrote that he was confronted about being gay while waiting in line at The Big Slice at Halifax's "pizza corner" on May 17.

After admitting he was gay, Taavel wrote that he then received a "backhand" to the head from one of the men.

In the article, he described his reaction.

"Shock, fear, bewilderment, anger. These were some of the feelings that flashed through me as I glared a my assailant and his friend," Taavel wrote.

Taavel said he then called police and followed his assailant. He wrote that he felt "empowered" because he chose to act upon the attack.

"It reminded me that as a member of Halifax's LGBT community, I take my own safety for granted and I do so because I live my life freely and openly."

"I've been reminded firsthand via a backhand why I'll be marking May 17." METRO

Nova Scotia to propose legislation on online bullying

Nova Scotia Education Minister Ramona Jennex, right, seats by Canadian astronaut Robert Thirsk, with Industry Minister Tony Clement at left, during a school visit in Dartmouth, N.S. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Legislation aimed at cyberbullying to be tabled Wednesday in the Nova Scotia legislature is being described by the education minister as a first step in the government's approach to bullying in schools.

Ramona Jennex announced the government's intention to bring forward amendments to the Education Act after the opposition Progressive Conservatives introduced three bills to combat bullying amid calls for faster government action from the family of a teen who committed suicide.

Jennex didn't reveal details about the legislation, but she said it would address recommendations set out by a task force on online bullying last month. She said the legislative changes would set the stage for further measures to deal with bullying in schools.

"Our legislation is really putting things in place and providing a framework ... for the continued work that we are doing," she said.

The family of Courtney Brown, a 17-year-old Parrsboro girl who took her own life in March 2011 after she had been bullied online, said they want the government to act quickly.

"When there are lives at stake, nothing is ever fast enough," said Tom Brown, Courtney's father.

The Brown family appeared at the legislature to support the Tory bill.

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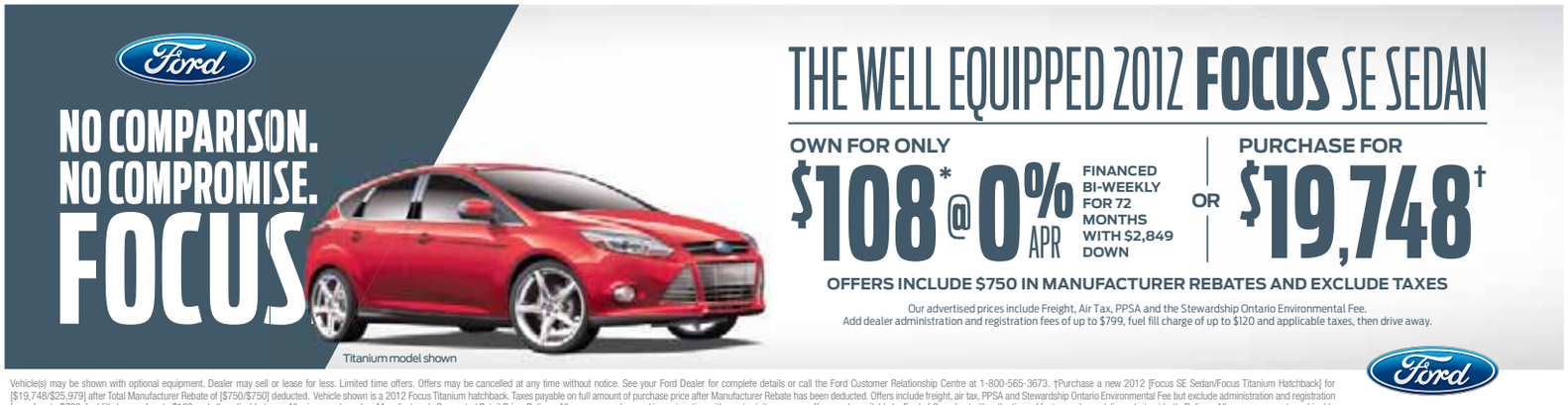
Prevention

The Tory legislation would define cyberbullying in law and allow a series of fines to be levied.

- It would also hold parents liable if they are aware that a child is involved in online bullying and they fail to act to prevent it.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Signal sends loonie higher

Clear message.
Bank of Canada announcement to raise interest rates prompts rise in Canadian dollar

The Bank of Canada took markets by surprise Tuesday in sending a strong signal it is getting ready to raise interest rates based on improved prospects for the global and Canadian economies.

The hawkish statement sent the loonie immediately higher after the 9 a.m. ET release time, and it closed up 0.96 of a cent at 100.99 cents US.

As expected, the bank kept the trendsetting target rate at one per cent — where it has been since September 2010 — but it was the language in the accompanying statement that caught investors off guard.

"In light of the reduced slack in the economy and firmer underlying inflation, some modest withdrawal of the present considerable monetary policy stimulus may become appropriate, consistent with achieving the two per cent inflation target over the medium term," it said.

Bank of Montreal economist Douglas Porter said he was surprised bank governor Mark Carney would send such a clear intentions.

"I expected a slight turn of the dial to the hawkish side, but this was... a pretty serious amping up of the message," he said. "And more surprising was the signal that rates will soon need to rise."

Still, both said nothing is written in stone, noting that Carney signalled higher rates last spring only to be dissuaded when the European debt crisis flared.

Some were even more skeptical. Capital Economics analyst David Madani said he suspects Carney may be trying to scare borrowers from taking on more debt.

"If the bank did actually raise rates, we suspect that it would have to reverse course again pretty quickly as the housing market slumped," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sears Canada to make returning products easier

London, Ont., native Calvin McDonald, president and CEO of Sears Canada, addresses the Annual General Meeting for Sears Canada in Toronto, Tuesday.
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Sears will overhaul long-standing return policies that have sometimes left customers frustrated, new chief executive Calvin McDonald said Tuesday at the Sears Canada annual meeting.

Sears will scrap the 10-day return policies that have existed for years and it will also stop charging a 20 per cent restocking fee for big ticket items such as appliances, electronics and outdoor power equipment, among others.

The changes are part of a major revamp of operations at Sears Canada,which has been struggling to overcome losses as well as find its strategy ahead of an onset of new competition from discount retailers like Walmart and Target.

"When we look at the market, times are tough. Consumer confidence is low and unemployment is not getting dramatically better," McDonald told shareholders.

Last month, the company said three high-profile department stores in Vancouver, Calgary and Ottawa would close by the end of October affecting some 670 jobs.
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Rogers Video. Rentals out, liquidation underway

Rogers has officially bailed on the video store business.

In December, the company announced it was shuttering 40 per cent of its video shops as it continued to move away from selling and renting physical copies of DVDs, Blu-rays and video games.

"It's a declining marketplace, all we're doing is meeting market need," Sian Doyle, Rogers's vice president of retail, said at the time, and added that the disappearance of more than 400 Blockbuster stores last year did little to boost its rental business.

On Tuesday, Rogers confirmed its more than 90 remaining video stores stopped renting movies and games late last week and are now in liquidation mode.

"We're just refocusing our retail offering and so at those locations we're going to be investing in infrastructure," said spokeswoman Leigh-Ann Popek.

"Some stores are going to be repurposed, some are going to be repurposed and/or relocated to better real estate. The plan is we're going to be opening at least 30 new stores in addition by the end of the year."

The existing rental outlets will be revamped to serve Rogers' other businesses, such as TV and wireless services.

In February, the company reported its video operations lost $23 million in 2011 on revenues of $82 million, which were down 43 per cent from the previous year.

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Aveos closure

Air Canada insulting democracy: Minister

Air Canada is "insulting" elected officials and democracy by not respecting its legal obligations to maintain its aircraft in Montreal, Quebec's Justice Minister said Tuesday.

The Quebec government is seeking a court ruling on the airline's obligations to heavy maintenance work that had been performed for the airline by Aveos Fleet Performance before it shut down and laid off all its employees.

Jean-Marc Fournier said Air Canada's unwillingness to maintain Aveos' operations runs against the spirit and letter of the law.

"It's an insult to democracy and its main participants, the elected officials," he told a news conference in Quebec City.

Aveos terminated about 2,600 jobs across the country, including some 1,800 in Montreal, when it suddenly obtained creditor protection and closed its operations last month.

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NATION'S SMARTEST IS A TIGER-CAT? WHO KNEW

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Apparently, I'm not Canada's Smartest Person.

This will not come as a great surprise to a long-suffering cadre of readers, friends, enemies and loved ones, but now it's confirmed:

Canada's Smartest Person is Peter Dyakowski, offensive lineman for the Hamilton Tiger-Cats, who won the CBC-TV competition of the same name and is now enjoying his victory lap on the smart circuit.

For instance, next week, he appears at a Mensa Convention at the Marriott Gateway in Niagara Falls, where he will compete for gold in the Couch Potato Olympics and build a working model of a trebuchet.

For those of you who aren't so smart, that's a siege engine that fires stones at the ramparts.

Hmph.

I guess it will sound like sour grapes if I dare to ask why Canada's Smartest Person is wasting his time tinkering with trebuchets at a tourist trap instead of figuring out how to eliminate the deficit or cure cancer, but really.

And how did he get to be Canada's Smartest Person anyway? Did he threaten to bombard the CBC fortress on Front Street with rocks? Or does it have something to do with the fact that he is six-five and 325 pounds? He wants to be Canada's Smartest Person, let him be Canada's Smartest Person. Just don't make him mad.

Turns out he endured 17 hours of taping that tested multiple dimensions of intelligence: physical, musical, logical, linguistic, visual and interpersonal. As the program progressed, he was so far ahead of the competition with two science brainiacs and a "spoken word artist," that the host of show told him: "Peter, we don't care about your score anymore."

So, apart from the fact that Canada's Real Smartest Person is too busy to bother with a quiz show no matter how multidimensional, we have to concede that Peter won it fair and square and there was no penalty flag on the play (I keep mixing up my sports commentary and my egghead commentary. Excuse me. Not smart enough.)

Of course, this is a great victory for offensive linemen, who are usually lumped together and called "Grunts" or "Hogs." Now we have to call them "Smarter".

Of course, the real star of any show is not the offensive lineman or even the polymath. It's the quarterback, and will always be the quarterback.

And on the same day he signed a $26-million contract with the Seattle Seahawks, Peter Dyakowski's college quarterback, Matt Flynn, texted Peter to say that being the smartest Canadian is like winning a foot race at a fat camp, which offends on so many levels, you'd have to be a genius to figure them all out.

Peter, by the way, won a plastic trophy. How smart is that?

Peter Dyakowski of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats was the winner of the CBC show Canada's Smartest Person. BARRY GRAY/HAMILTON SPECTATOR

Let the countdown begin

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London 2012

100 days to go until the Olympics

Young Chinese athletes practice Taekwondo techniques before the rehearsal ceremony to mark a 100-day countdown to London 2012 Olympic Games outside the Bird's Nest Tuesday, in Beijing, China.

As London organizers put the finishing touches on the venues, athletes around the world are training for the big moment.

With Wednesday marking the 100-day countdown to the London Olympics, it's time to take a look at some of the athletes who will stand out on the global stage this summer.

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Top 10

From the track to the pool to the hardwood, here's a list of 10 to watch (mindful that some still need to qualify):

Usain Bolt: His performance in Beijing four years ago was magical — gold medals and world records in the 100 metres, 200 metres and sprint relay.

Michael Phelps: After winning a record eight gold medals in Beijing, the 26-year-old American swimmer is back for his final big splash before retirement.

Oscar Pistorius: The South African double amputee, who runs on carbon-fiber blades, is looking to make history by becoming the first amputee runner to compete in an Olympics.

Hiroshi Hoketsu: At the age of 71, the Japanese equestrian rider will be the oldest competitor in London.

Kerri Walsh/Misty May-Treanor: No one will be more in the spotlight than Americans Walsh and May-Treanor, who won gold medals in Athens and Beijing in beach volleyball and are favourites for a third title in London.

Chris Hoy: Winner of three gold medals in Beijing, the British track cyclist is one of the host nation's top hopes for glory in the spectacular new velodrome.

Neymar: Argentina failed to qualify for the Olympic football competition, meaning Lionel Messi won't be coming. But Brazil did qualify and Neymar is the player to watch.

Kevin Durant: It's hard to single out any single player from the star-studded U.S. basketball team. This will be the chance for Oklahoma City Thunder forward Durant to show his Olympic credentials.

Lin Dan: Widely considered the greatest badminton player of all time, China's 'Super Dan' is a four-time world champion, five-time All England winner and the reigning Olympic gold medallist.

Katie Taylor: With women's boxing making its Olympic debut in London, the Irish fighter is a good bet for gold in the lightweight (60 kg) division.

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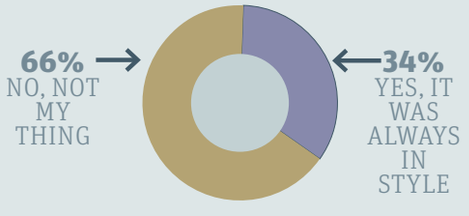

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Nicholas Sparks, the man behind The Notebook, is the writer of the new release The Lucky One. HANDOUT

Making silver screen Sparks

Nicholas Sparks. The man behind The Notebook and Dear John returns to the big screen with The Lucky One

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The word romance conjures up different ideas for different people.

Some folks, when they muse about love, create pictures of Fabio locked in an embrace with a raven-haired beauty in their mind's eye. Others imagine John Cusack, boombox raised above his head, lurking outside his beloved's bedroom window.

When Nicholas Sparks thinks about amour, however, I imagine dollar signs come to mind.

He is the premier romance writer of his generation, single handedly giving Harlequin a run in the tearjerker department. Who else could write a line like, "Love is like the wind, you can't see it but you can feel it," with a straight face?

The flowery pen behind novels and screenplays like The Notebook, Dear John and Nights in Rodanthe returns with this weekend's parcel of passion, The Lucky One, a story of good luck charms and true love.

Romance writer

When Nicholas Sparks thinks about amour, however, I imagine dollar signs come to mind.

He writes tales of love and loss, of mighty obstacles overcome and lip-locks galore, which he defines as "dramatic epic love stories" along the lines of "Eric Segal's Love Story or The Bridges of Madison County … But you can even go all the way back. You had Hemingway write A Farewell to Arms, the movies of the forties — Casablanca, From Here to Eternity — Shakespeare, and that's the genre I work in."

He caught some flack for comparing himself to Shakespeare — one writer said, "If Sparks is like Shakespeare, then a house painter is like Picasso." — but the fact remains that his unconventional love stories have made his name synonymous with the romance genre.

Sitting at the top of the list is The Notebook, which made stars of Rachel McAdams and Ryan Gosling. Marie Claire magazine says, "this movie is packed with heart-fluttering-ly incredible love scenes … that it's impossible to choose just one," but Noah and Allie's boat ride on the lake surrounded by swans is generally considered to be the most memorable moment in a movie that is essentially just one long love scene.

Peter Travers called Message in a Bottle "a hazard to all those allergic to ponderous chick flicks," but the movie features great romantic chemistry between Kevin Costner, Robin Wright Penn and a scene stealing performance from Paul Newman.

Even Miley Cyrus has been Sparksified. She chose the author to pen The Last Song, her fist post Hannah Montana movie, because she was a huge fan of his other weepie A Walk to Remember.

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Scene in brief

Ferguson returning to his roots with Late Late Show

Craig Ferguson is going back to Scotland and taking Late Late Show viewers along for the trip. CBS says the Scotland-based episodes will air the week of May 14. While there, Ferguson explores Edinburgh and Glasgow. He also returns to his hometown of Cumbernauld, with stops at his childhood home and high school.

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West Side Story, the 1957 musical loosely based on the iconic Shakespearean tragedy Romeo and Juliet, has itself become a contemporary classic. It has also become one of Broadway's enduring musical standards. The 2009 revival, the longest running incarnation of the musical, is currently on tour and set to open in Toronto on May 8th.

Like its source material, West Side Story features two star-crossed lovers: Tony, a member of the working-class Jets gang, who falls in love with Maria, whose brother is the head of the Sharks gang. Their tragic love story is told through music and dancing that celebrates the melting pot that is New York City.

The show features memorable music, including the hit songs America and Maria, written by Leonard Bernstein with lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. More than 40 years after its premiere, West Side Story continues to set the scene as a modern American musical.

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Jersey Shore star Vinny Guadagnino is out to prove there's more to him than just being a sly guido who occasionally suffers from pink eye. In his new book, Control the Crazy: My Plan to Stop Stressing, Avoid Drama, and Maintain Inner Cool, Guadagnino proves that he can not only pronounce such serious names as Deepak Chopra, Thich Nhat Hanh and Ekhart Tolle, but he also sees himself as an "ambassador" to their influential brand of pop psych.

"They are the masters. I certainly didn't invent this stuff, but it wasn't them inventing it either," he told Metro during a recent interview. "It's just a message that can be told in many different voices — a Buddhist monk, a psychologist, a spiritual guru or now, you know, a cast member of the Jersey Shore."

For Guadagnino, who has suffered from various panic disorders since high school, and even during Season 1 of the show that made him famous, it was this anxiety that led him to start reading the self-help genre.

"What happened on the show, it happened for me naturally. So I said, 'You know what? Now's the perfect opportunity to try to help people because they know I'm not bulls—ting. It's all real life.'"

Halle Berry is never, ever going to get married again ... starting now

Halle Berry

Halle Berry has confirmed that she is engaged to Olivier Martinez.

"Who knew? I swore it off, right?" Berry tells Extra. "Never say never, people."

But "never" is exactly what Berry said to Oprah Winfrey in 2004.

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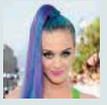

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Animal Kingdom rides to victory at last year's Kentucky Derby. MICHAEL CONROY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

More than the Derby...

Louisville. While the city is best known for a horse race, there's also baseball bats and boxers to be had

Shadowbox with a silhouetted Muhammad Ali. Grab a bat and take a few swings in a batting cage at the Louisville Slugger Museum. Dig into a Hot Brown at the place where the savory sandwich was created.

Louisville is home to plenty of originals that liven up a visit to Kentucky's largest city, best known for a two-minute sporting event.

It's the iconic horse track that overshadows everything in town on the first Saturday in May. That's when the Kentucky Derby is run at Churchill Downs — where mint juleps flow, women sport flowery hats and sleek thoroughbreds race for immortality.

But visitors don't have to be horse racing buffs to enjoy the charms of this city along the Ohio River.

The spring greenery is always dazzling in the Bluegrass state. While in Louisville, visitors can stroll along Waterfront Park — the city's 85-acre front yard. The expansive playground near downtown offers panoramic views of downtown and the Ohio River.

"This time of year, Louisvillians get so happy," said local restaurateur Lynn Winter. "It's like everyone comes out."

Not far from the park, several museums are clustered within four blocks in the city's downtown, which features an array of restaurants and shops. Among the most popular destinations are the Muhammad Ali Center and the Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory.

The Ali Center showcases the boxing career of the former world heavyweight champion known as "the Louisville Lip," and highlights his social activism and humanitarian causes out of the ring. Ali, who turned 70 in January, grew up in the West End neighbourhood of Louisville.

A short walk away, visitors can see workers crafting bats used by big leaguers. The Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory is a treasure trove of memorabilia that features bats used by Babe Ruth, Hank Aaron, Ted Williams and other Hall of Famers. Visitors can pick a bat and take a crack in the cages.

At the Brown Hotel, one of the city's landmark places to stay, visitors can dig into a Hot Brown. A local favourite, it's an open-faced turkey and bacon sandwich covered with Mornay sauce (a creamy cheese sauce).

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If you go...

- **For visitor information.** Louisville Convention and Visitors Bureau: One Riverfront Plaza, 401 W. Main St., Suite 2300, Louisville, Ky.; gotolouisville.com or 800-626-5646. Louisville Visitors Center, 301 S. Fourth St., 502-379-6109.

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Travel in brief

African Queen sails again

The African Queen, the iconic original vessel from the classic film of the same name, is plying nearshore waters and canals in the Florida Keys again. Keys sailing charter operators Lance and Suzanne Holmquist inked an agreement with the 100-year-old boat's owner and invested some $70,000 to restore the boat that carried Humphrey Bogart and Katharine Hepburn to movie history. The boat was originally brought to Key Largo in 1983 and restored then, but has languished as an out-of-the-water display for the past 11 years. Next week, the Holmquists are to begin daily cruises for Keys visitors from the Holiday Inn Key Largo.

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On the web

Money talks in Olympic hotel search: London's top hotels poised to pamper wealthy guests

On your next trip, try a solo stay

One-room hotels. Love hotels but hate sharing them with other guests? You don't have to in these new digs for travellers

EMMA E. FORREST
Metro World News in London

A small red boat currently perches over the edge on the roof of London's famous Southbank Arts Centre, overlooking the River Thames. But this ship wasn't swept up from the river on a huge tidal wave — in fact, it's one of the city's most exciting new hotels, a one-bedroom bolthole and art installation designed as part of the London 2012 festival.

'The Room for London' comes with en-suite double bedroom, library, kitchenette, bathroom and viewing deck and was created by David Kohn Architects with artist Fiona Banner, its design inspired by the riverboat that author Joseph Conrad captained on the journey through the Congo in 1890 that inspired his book Heart of Darkness. Sitting at the window on the boat's bow, guests and resident artists have a breathtaking perspective over London's skyline from St Paul's Cathedral to Big Ben.

The hotel is fully booked for 2012, but it could be open for bookings when it moors up at a different location in the future.

The London hotel is just one of a trend for one-bedroom hotels, which offer the usual hotel room service, fluffy bathrobes and free slippers, but also complete exclusivity. Pocket-sized hotels are so compact that they can pop up anywhere, often benefitting from a fabulous view or unusual location.

These unusual hotels are often created as a project for an arts festival, like the Pixel Hotel in Tel Aviv. A lifeguard station will be transformed into a boutique hotel by local artists, allowing guests to sleepover on the beach as part of Tel Aviv's Art City 2012. Some of the most memorable micro-hotels to kick-start the trend include: the single-suite hotel complete with butler built around Singapore's iconic Merlion statue for the city's biennale last year, where guests would wake up under the gaze of the 8-metre-tall half-lion, half-fish sculpture; The One Room Hotel created by interior designers Jamesplumb in their East London store during the London Design Festival in 2010; and the retro-futuristic Everland hotel concept, which hosted guests high on the roof of the Palais de Tokyo art gallery in Paris in 2009.

Other one-bedroom hotels are more permanent. Kooky Copenhagen café, Verdens mindset kaffebar, which declares itself the world's smallest coffee shop, with room for just five seats, is to open a 'hotel' on its first floor this spring. Set in the city's trendy Vestboro neighbourhood, the micro-lodgings will be simple as there's only room to shoehorn in a bed, toilet, shower and sink, but they do promise other more conventional comforts including flowers, free minibar and breakfast at their nearby sister café, Granola.

The Room for London sits atop the roof of the Southbank Centre. PHOTOS: METRO WORLD NEWS

The Room for London was inspired by the riverboat captained by Joseph Conrad on his journey through the Congo, which inspired his book Heart of Darkness.

Three to compare

The Harrington

The Harrington is a quirky micro-hotel in the lively English city of Brighton. This two-floor retreat boasts a bedroom with a stained-glass window. theharrington.co.uk

The One Hotel

The One Hotel is a luxurious one-suite hotel in Cambodia that offers a welcome refuge from the crowds at the nearby Angkor Wat temples. theonehotelangkor.com

One in Five

This haven on Paris' Left Bank aims to offer couples all the essentials for a romantic weekend. There's a suspended floating bed and 'starlit' roof, a video camera and a private cocktail station with all the ingredients to make the hotel's bespoke 'love elixir'. onebythefive.com

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Spend a day in Long Island City and brush up on some New York history

Gentrification. Long Island City in Queens is a hub for culture, arts and bustling young families

REBECCA FINKEL
Metro World News in New York

Long Island City has reclaimed its old status as a vibrant hub for arts and culture. ISTOCK

Before the LIRR connected to Penn Station, Long Island City (LIC) was the end of the line. Commuters awaiting ferries to Manhattan met at Tony Miller's Hotel on Borden Avenue (now the fabulously kitschy Waterfront Crabhouse).

Teddy Roosevelt drank there, as did architect Stanford White and actress Lillian Russell.

By 1910, with expanded LIRR service and the opening of the Queensboro Bridge, LIC fell into decline. Ferries stopped running and prohibition turned Miller's Hotel into a phonograph factory. LIC remained a quiet, industrial neighbourhood until the late '70s, when artists flocked to the area lofts.

In the '90s, new waterfront high-rises attracted young professionals and their families.

Today, LIC has reclaimed its status as a hub of vibrant people, culture and art.

10:30 a.m.: Eat

You can't find a bad brunch on Vernon Boulevard, with El Ay Si, Cranky's, Dorian Cafe, and Tournesol. We like four-month-old Alobar(alobarnyc.com)forits superb bloody mary and its duck confit Sloppy Joe with smoked ricotta.

Noon: See

After brunch, head to Gantry Plaza State Park, a 10-acre waterfront walk with spectacular views of Manhattan. In addition to contemporary art Mecca MoMA PS1, LIC is home to three sculpture parks: The Noguchi Museum, Sculpture Center and the Socrates Sculpture Park. Across the street from PS1 is 5Pointz Aerosol Art Center, a five-story warehouse covered in legal graffiti.

Visit between May 12 and 20 for the LIC Arts Open (licartsopen.org), when hundreds of artists open their studios to the public.

3 p.m.: Drink

LIC has the kind of relaxed neighbourhood bars that will make you think seriously about moving, or at least staying for another beer.

In fair weather, grab an outdoor seat at Dominie's Hoek (dominieshoek.com) or LIC Bar (licbar.com). Sweet Leaf (sweetleaflic.com) has a good selection of coffee and tea, which you can enjoy while playing DJ in their record room. Sage General Store (sagegeneralstore.com) has great baked goods; try the bacon brownie.

4 p.m.: Laugh

Wind down with open-mic stand-up at The Creek and Cave (creeklic.com), one of the area's two comedy clubs. Free shows start at 4 p.m. on both Saturdays and Sundays.

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Burning Man Festival

Hippies, hipsters, club-goers, artists, everyone basically: unite. This outdoor event — or "tapestry"— offers a community that, once joined, may change your life. Held in the Black Rock Desert in Nevada, it's art-focused, mainly, with sculptures and installations, but music is a running constant. This year's takes place Aug 27 through Sept. 3.

Bugged out!

The club night with the best taste in London — and Barcelona, where it hosts sister events — Bugged Out! hosts sure-to-please DJs for a hot crowd ready to connect. The 2 Bears, Derrick Carter and Fake Blood were recent headliners, and the Chemical Brothers' DJ set last month had the crowd bouncing as one. Its venue hops, but always lands at the chillest places. Check out Buggedout.net for the next event.

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The most sophisticated spot here, this is where you brag about going, if you're that type, when in Las Vegas and New York. Fergie celebrates here: Does that explain enough? Yet our favourite part about both is that they're in busy neighbourhoods: The NYC locale is in the club-heavy Meatpacking District, popular with rich European visitors, while in Vegas, you're in the Mirage resort on the strip.

Pacha parties

Here, you have to look like a Kardashian — because the Kardashians actually party here. With clubs in New York, London, Ibiza (and hotels, accessories, a magazine, recordings, a restaurant…), Pacha is a "brand" and proud of it. That said, it attracts top talent, some of who play the pop up parties in Belgium, Zurich, Kaliningrad and more. Choose a city, grab your Prada sunglasses and go.

This guy likes Bugged Out! Are you going to? METRO WORLD NEWS

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Lisbon, Portugal

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April 14, 2012

Lisbon has stolen my heart. The cobblestone streets, ridiculously friendly people, deep dish paella and breathtaking vistas all seem to whisper "stay longer." From our room at the Ritz Four Seasons the city spilled out around us and we took full advantage of motorcycle and sidecar tours, an incredible childrens' science centre and more. But it was this moment at the Lisbon zoo that caused the most giggles: More than 300 kilograms of slobbering, bug-eyed sea lion leaning in for a hug. What's not to love?

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On eating his way around the world

Anthony Bourdain. In search of the world's best sights and food, chef gets into some sticky situations

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Anthony Bourdain might just have the best job in the world.

In the eighth season of Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations, the chef takes his viewers on a tour of 15 locations on six continents.

Throughout the season, Bourdain plays with a venomous king cobra snake in Penang; is gouged, cupped and drained of blood by a Finnish massage therapist; rides a BMX bike on a beach in Mexico; and is kidnapped by The Black Keys.

The art of filming abroad

"The place reveals itself to us. You can't write a script and try to conform your experiences to preconceptions."

Anthony Bourdain, Host of No Reservations

While Bourdain claims there were no high-security moments so far this season, all of his adventures carry some element of danger.

He recalls his trip to Beirut in 2006: "When you're filming with expensive cameras in a place where people are very hungry, and a few dollars makes a difference of life and death, it can understandably get very tense."

Bourdain says his one guiding principle when choosing countries to visit is to find out where in the world will excite and interest him most.

"If travelling around the world and being a guest of people [is a job], if it's not interesting and fun to me, I don't see any reason it would be interesting or fun to anybody else."

His formula is simple: Travel, eat, experience — and write. "The place reveals itself to us," he explains. "You can't write a script and try to conform your experiences to preconceptions."

Season eight kicks off in Mozambique, where Bourdain was pleasantly surprised. "The food was amazing. I came out feeling hopeful of the world."

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Add a new twist to a family favourite with the addition of canned California cling peaches.

These delicious California Dreamin' Chicken Tacos are topped with Peach Slaw. Adding peaches boost your daily fruit servings, creating a healthier meal.

1. In a bowl, whisk together mayonnaise, yogurt, lime juice, garlic, salt and cayenne. Drain peaches well and chop. Place in a large bowl; add slaw, coriander and half the mayonnaise mixture. Stir to combine.

2. Sprinkle the chicken with TexMex seasoning. In a large non-stick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat and cook chicken, stirring for about 10 minutes or until no longer pink inside.

3. Warm shells. Add chicken and drizzle with some of the remaining mayo mixture and hot sauce (if using). Top with slaw.

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Ingredients

- 1/4 cup (60 mL) light mayo
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) plain yogurt
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) lime juice
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) salt
- Pinch cayenne pepper
- 1 can (14 oz/398 mL) peach halves, in light syrup
- 2 cups (500 mL) packaged coleslaw or broccoli slaw mix
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) chopped fresh coriander
- 4 skinless boneless chicken cutlets, thinly sliced
- 2 tsp (10 mL) TexMex seasoning
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) canola oil
- 8 large taco shells or small flour tortillas
- Hot sauce (optional)

California Dreamin' Chicken Tacos with Peach Slaw

This recipe serves eight people. NEWS CANADA

Drink of the Week

Basil Mango Lime Smoothie with Chai

1. In bowl, combine chia seeds, water and lime juice. Set aside for 1 hour to let seeds plump and become gelatinous. In blender, combine soaked chia seeds (with liquid), honey, lime zest, basil, mango and yogurt. Blend until smooth.

- 1 tbsp chai seeds
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 tbsp lime juice
- 2 tbsp honey
- Finely chopped zest of 1/2 lemon
- 4 fresh basil leaves
- 10-oz package frozen mango chunks, thawed
- 2 cups fat-free vanilla yogurt

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Apple Custard Tart. Make an easy, luscious dessert

1. Carefully remove pie shell from foil pie plate. Place in a 23-cm (9-inch) tart pan with removable bottom. When thawed, about 10 minutes, prick pie shell all over with a fork and press edge of pie shell into sides of pan. Bake in a 190 C (375 F) oven for 12 to 15 minutes or until lightly golden. Let cool completely on wire rack.

2. In a bowl, beat butter with sugar. Beat in ground almonds, then egg and almond extract. Stir in flour. Spread evenly in cooled tart shell. Arrange apples on top; sprinkle with 15 ml (1 tbsp) more sugar. Bake in a 190 C (375 F) oven for 35 to 40 minutes or until apples are tender. Let cool on wire rack for 15 minutes. Remove side of pan; place tart on serving plate. Brush apricot jam over apples.

Ingredients

- 1 frozen 23-cm (9-inch) deep-dish pie shell
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) butter, softened
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) granulated sugar (approx)
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) ground almonds
- 1 egg
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) almond extract
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) flour
- 750 ml (3 cups) thinly sliced, peeled apples such as Ida Red (2 to 3 depending on size)
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) apricot jam, melted and strained

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Student Voice

On target: The creative career search

Dennis Mazajlo

Everyone knows what to do if you want to be an accountant: take the required courses in your third and fourth year, apply to the Big Four and you're on your way.

Want to be a lawyer? Take an undergraduate degree with a strong writing or philosophy component, do well on your LSATs and pick a school.

The steps for certain careers are a matter of jumping through hoops. But what if the career you want is anything but conventional?

My name is Dennis Mazajlo and I'm a third-year student in business management and organizational studies at Western University in London, Ontario. I've wanted to be an entrepreneur ever since running a one-day ice cream store for my high school entrepreneurship class. Since then I've taken on other projects like creating an annual fundraiser for distance runners in my hometown.

Recently I decided to get creative and swing for the fences. There is a company in Los Angeles called NationBuilder that I tried to get an interview for. I created a campaign on their website to get their attention called 16 Days of Dennis. I contacted the founder through Twitter on the first day (along with sending a traditional resumé) and had around 20 people tweeting him telling him to interview me.

On April 3, I had a first round interview over Skype with the VP of sales at NationBuilder.

With a traditional resumé, a few emails and a follow-up phone call you may not stand out. By running a targeted campaign, I've been able to keep myself accountable publicly and have some fun. I encourage you to follow me @dennismaz and keep an eye out for future projects.

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Compute my career.
The highs and lows of the job hunt in the age of the Internet

ARINA KHARLAMOVA
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In the not-so-distant past, searching for a job was very grounded in the physical world: going to specific organizations, bringing in printed-off resumés and begging human resources for applications that could easily be recycled as soon as they had been filled out.

Now things have shifted to the web, that elusive, beckoning system of interconnectedness and global reach.

Here are some benefits and drawbacks of hunting electronically for a tangible target.

Establishing the hunting grounds

Jobs can now be found globally or locally, which means that the job opportunities available to you are only limited to how far you're willing to relocate.

Looking up a Japanese CEO who has the same obsession as you on Google is a lot easier than flying to Japan for a costly meet-and-greet only to catastrophically find out that he or she meant to write something totally different in their tweet. But now, there are also thousands of other equally multilingual, PhD-having job candidates sending in resumés, meaning you must be at the top of your game – or have something that others don't.

Hunting equipment

The downside to the online job search is that your resumé is expected to be a work of graphic artistry.

If you, like many of us, are thinking about enslaving a graphic designer for your own marketing needs, LinkedIn and other portfolio websites give you a nice (and legal!) way out. Another bonus: if you're actually a graphic artist, your entire portfolio can be seen at the click of a button!

Personal scent

Online marketing is everything. You need to be a brand yourself: a charming, sans serif love letter to your preferred employer, which means having the right skills and captivating them with simplicity.

However, being a niche with your name stamped at the top of the web page means that you need to provide what you marketed. As far as image goes, keep the picture as risqué as the one you'd show a gaggle of your 13-year-old brother's friends (i.e., not risqué at all!) Hopefully your employer-to-be will be impressed enough by your vivacious emails so as to not Google your name and find the Grade 8 pictures you used on an old account.

Offline, a lack of self-marketing can be overcome with enthusiasm. Meeting people in the real world has its advantages (like an instant Vulcan mind-meld-like connection), but those benefits can easily be carried over to the web and multiplied to almost life-like proportions, whether you're a burgeoning wordsmith or not.

Just like your employer can Google you, your own research on the company and hopefully, your future interviewer, can increase the ease of a connection.

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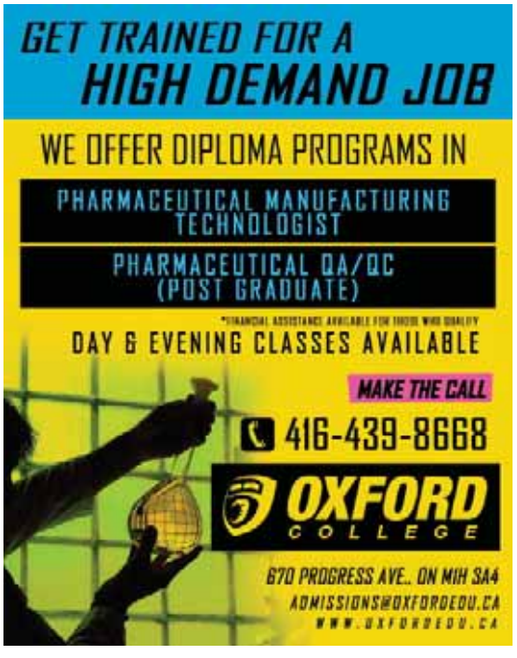

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BRUCE WALSH
Metro World News

Samuel Bendall works nine to five as an assistant account manager for an L.A.-based PR firm. But over the last five years, he has created a rewarding — and even lucrative — part-time career as a wedding photographer.

Bendall, a recent California State-Northridge grad, books about one wedding per month and grosses between $1,500 and $6,000 for each one (a fairly industry-standard rate).

The work is certainly more rewarding than his former part-time jobs in the restaurant business, but building a viable wedding photography business is far more challenging than most people realize.

"I don't do it full-time because of how much work is involved in a wedding. It's hard to convey to people," he explains.

"It's more logistics than anything: meeting with the family, the wedding planner. Plus, there's a lot on the back end of processing and packaging good images. You spend about 10 per cent of your time actually at the wedding."

And, unlike other part-time jobs, wedding photography requires both passion and talent. Bendall has been a photographer since high school and avidly pursues his own artistic photo projects.

But, perhaps most importantly, the job demands an intrinsic feel for public relations.

"You can't just be a good photographer, you have to be an incredible interpersonal communicator: Explain concisely, to difficult people, what exactly you're doing," says Bendall. "It's like Oscar Wilde said: 'If you want to tell people the truth, make them laugh, otherwise they'll kill you.'"

Expert opinion

Picture yourself in the industry

Cassandra Eldridge is a wedding photographer in Chicago. She shoots roughly 30 ceremonies per year.

How do you know if you have the talent for the job?

A lot of people think that if they own a camera, they're a photographer. But there's obviously composition, thinking outside the box and timing — developing really good gut instincts.

If you're interested, [then] practice, practice, practice and see where you wind up. There are a lot of wedding photographers out there who are extremely talented. It's important not to compare.

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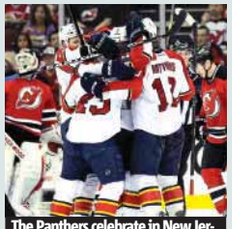
NHL

Historic comeback for Panthers

Brian Campbell scored on a second-period power play and the Florida Panthers staged their greatest playoff comeback in franchise history, rallying from an early three-goal deficit to defeat the New Jersey Devils 4-3 on Tuesday night.

Sean Bergenheim, Jason Garrison and Mike Weaver also scored and Scott Clemmensen made 19 saves after replacing Jose Theodore early in giving the Panthers a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference first-round series. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



The Panthers celebrate in New Jersey. JULIO CORTEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NCAA basketball

Kentucky's starting 5 to test NBA draft waters

Kentucky's starting lineup did most everything together. Now, they will go their separate ways in the NBA.

Freshmen Anthony Davis, Michael Kidd-Gilchrist and Marquis Teague, and sophomores Terrence Jones and Doron Lamb declared for the draft Tuesday night in Lexington, Ky.

The group capped an NCAA tournament run with a 67-59 victory over Kansas in the title game last month for the school's eighth championship. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Blue Jays Jose Bautisa and Edwin Encarnacion celebrate Bautista's two-run homer against the Rays at Rogers Centre. ABELIMAGES/GETTY IMAGES

Jays batters raise their game vs. Rays

MLB. Bautista, Lawrie and Lind each go yard to overpower Tampa Bay in series opener

Adam Lind hit a two-run home run and drove in three runs as the Toronto Blue Jays defeated the Tampa Bay Rays 7-3 on Tuesday at Rogers Centre.

Jose Bautista hit a solo homer and drove in two runs while Brett Lawrie of Langley, B.C., also hit a homer leading off the eighth inning as the Blue Jays won their second game in a row in the opener of a three-game series.

Rays third baseman Evan Longoria, who has won two Gold Gloves, committed a career-high three errors in the game, including two on the first two batters of Toronto's three-run third.

The Rays (5-6) entered the game with three errors as a team in their first 10 games of the season. Longoria equalled the club record for errors in a game.

Ricky Romero (2-0) got the win after allowing three runs on eight hits, including a homer by Matt Joyce to lead off the seventh, in six innings of work to pick up his second consecutive win.

Jeff Niemann (0-2) allowed five runs, two earned, in five innings. He held the Blue Jays to three hits, including two home runs, and walked three while striking out five.

Tuesday's game

7	3
Blue Jays	Rays

The Blue Jays (6-4) took the lead when Bautista hit his second homer of the season with two out in the first. His previous home run was opening day, April 5, in Cleveland. He entered Tuesday batting .206 (7-for-34) with two RBIs.

Romero allowed base runners in each of the first innings but escaped by facing the minimum number of batters.

Longoria, usually a superb fielder, was charged with errors on consecutive batters in the third to set up the second run of the game.

Longoria erred on Jays catcher J.P. Arencibia's grounder to lead off the inning and then flubbed Yunel Escobar's grounder. Kelly Johnson forced Escobar at second to leave runners at the corners.

Bautista hit a sacrifice fly to left and Lind followed with his first homer of the season to put the Blue Jays into a 4-0 lead. Lind also singled in a run in the seventh inning.

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4 SPORTS

Bills in Toronto

NFL in T.O. series finishes with Seahawks

The Bills will host the Seattle Seahawks in the final game of Buffalo's five-year series of annual home games at Rogers Centre. The Bills and Seahawks meet Dec. 16 in Week 15 of the NFL season. The Bills In Toronto series began in 2008, in which Buffalo became the first NFL team to play annual regular-season games outside the United States.

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On the web

There is still something worth fighting with six games left in Charlotte's NBA season. The Bobcats are desperate to get one more win to avoid statistically becoming the worst team in NBA history. Scan the code for the story.

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Toronto FC striker can't bear to look at standings

Toronto FC captain Torsten Frings takes his place on the bench before his team's 1-0 loss to Chivas USA Saturday in Toronto. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

MLS. Danny Koevermans and teammates know they are the lone team with zero points at this stage of the season.

Danny Koevermans can tell you all about what happened to the Maple Leafs and what's going on in the Flyers-Penguins series.

But the big Dutch striker won't go near the MLS standings in the wake of Toronto FC's five-game losing streak.

"With zero points, I don't look at the standings. I don't dare. It's so bad. The only team with no points," Koevermans told reporters Tuesday.

Quoted

"Today we saw in training the difference with or without him."

Toronto FC coach Aron Winter on Torsten Frings, who returns to action on Saturday.

Another loss and Toronto (0-5-0) ties the 2001 D.C. United team for the second-worst start in MLS history. The record belongs to the Kansas City Wizards, who started the 1999 season at 0-7-0.

Toronto, in the grips of the franchise's worst ever start and longest losing streak, has yet to lead a game this season or score at home. In five league games, it has just two goals.

But there is good news in the form of captain Torsten Frings, who returns Saturday against the visiting Chicago Fire (1-1-2). The former German international has been out since straining a hamstring March 17 in the season-opening loss to Seattle.

Toronto has wobbled in defence without him, and watched as mistakes translated into goals.

"He brings a lot of leadership and experience," said defender Adrian Cann. "In the past games without him, you can definitely tell that the team's out of balance."

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Poll. Maple Leafs top list for all the wrong reasons

The Toronto Maple Leafs are the most embarrassing team to root for, according to a betting website poll.

But, there's hope for the city's baseball fans. The Toronto Blue Jays are the second best bet (17-3 odds) among Canadian teams to win a title, according to oddsmakers at New York-based GR88.com

The top choice for the next Canadian team to win a championship, according to the bookmaker's analysts and experts, are the Vancouver Canucks (7-3) even though they're down 3-0 to the Los Angeles Kings in the first round of the NHL playoffs.

Interestingly, while 33 per cent of fans said they were most embarrassed to cheer for the Leafs, only three per cent felt that way about the Toronto Raptors, who will miss the NBA playoffs again this season.

The fans may be embarrassed but the oddsmakers think the Leafs and the Edmonton Oilers have the third-best chance of being the first Canadian team to capture a crown, with both at 22-3 odds.

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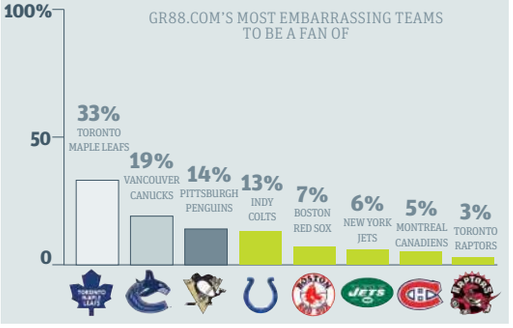

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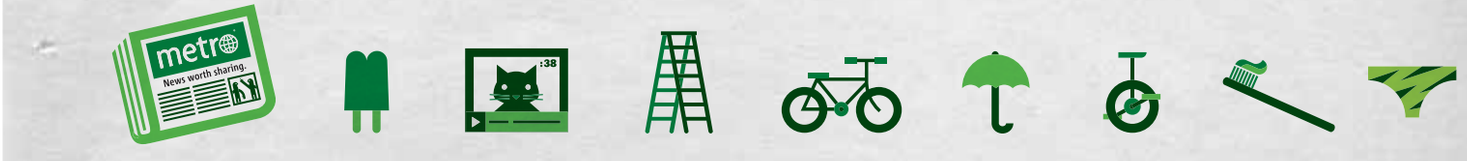

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(N.Y. Rangers lead series 2-1)
Monday's result
N.Y. Rangers 1 Ottawa 0
Tonight's game
N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.

BOSTON (2) VS. WASHINGTON (7)
(Boston leads series 2-1)
Monday's result
Boston 4 Washington 3
Tomorrow's game
Boston at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
Washington at Boston, 3 p.m.

FLORIDA (3) VS. NEW JERSEY (6)
(Florida leads series 2-1)
Last night's result
Florida 4 New Jersey 3
Tomorrow's game
Florida at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Saturday's game
New Jersey at Florida, 6:30 p.m.

PITTSBURGH (4) VS. PHILADELPHIA (5)
(Philadelphia leads series 3-0)
Sunday's result
Philadelphia 8 Pittsburgh 4
Tonight's game
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Friday's game
x-Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

VANCOUVER (1) VS. LOS ANGELES (8)
(Los Angeles leads series 3-0)
Sunday's result
Los Angeles 1 Vancouver 0
Tonight's game
Vancouver at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.
Sunday's game
x-Los Angeles at Vancouver, TBD

ST. LOUIS (2) VS. SAN JOSE (7)
(St. Louis leads series 2-1)
Monday's result
St. Louis 4 San Jose 3
Tomorrow's game
St. Louis at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
San Jose at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.

PHOENIX (3) VS. CHICAGO (6)
(Series tied 1-1)
Last night's result
Phoenix at Chicago
Tomorrow's game
Phoenix at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Saturday's game
Chicago at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

NASHVILLE (4) VS. DETROIT (5)
(Nashville leads series 3-1)
Last night's result
Nashville 3 Detroit 1
Friday's game
Detroit at Nashville, 8 p.m.

x — played only if necessary

PANTHERS 4, DEVILS 3

First Period
1. New Jersey, Parise 1 (Zajac, Kovalchuk) 0:33
2. New Jersey, Gionta 1 (Zidlicky, Bernier) 3:27
3. New Jersey, Elias 2 (Parise, Clarkson) 6:16 (pp)
4. Florida, Bergenheim 2 (Upshall, Clemmensen) 16:11 (pp)
5. Florida, Garrison 1 (Bergenheim, Campbell) 19:52 (pp)

Penalties — Versteeg Fla (interference) 5:16, Elias NJ (unsportsmanlike conduct) 15:16, Upshall Fla, Salvador NJ, Bernier NJ (roughing) 18:13.
Second Period
6. Florida, Weaver 1 (Smithson, Upshall) 2:18
7. Florida, Campbell 1 (Samuelsson, Fleischmann) 6:34 (pp)

Penalties — Sykora NJ (high-sticking) 5:22, Bergenheim Fla (hooking) 10:40.
Third Period — No Scoring.
Penalty — Bergenheim Fla (roughing) 5:24.
Shots on goal by

Florida	10	10	6	— 26
New Jersey	7	9	9	— 25

Goal (shots-saves) — Florida: Theodore (6-3), Clemmensen (W,1-0)(6:16 first; 19-19); New Jersey: Brodeur (12-9), Hedberg (L,0-1)(2:18 second; 14-13). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Florida: 3-3; New Jersey: 1-3.
Attendance — 17,625 (17,625) at Newark, N.J.

LATE MONDAY

RANGERS 1, SENATORS 0

First Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Spezza Ott (cross-checking) 2:21, Staal NYR (interference) 5:11, Prust NYR, Boyle NYR, Spezza Ott (roughing) 14:21.
Second Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Girardi NYR (interference), Foligno Ott (roughing) 4:27, Spezza Ott (holding) 15:00.
Third Period
1. N.Y. Rangers, Boyle 3 (Callahan, Girardi) 7:35

Penalties — Callahan NYR (tripping) 12:51, Phillips Ott (slashing) 13:18.

Shots on goal by

N.Y. Rangers	8	8	7	— 23
Ottawa	12	13	14	— 39

Goal — N.Y. Rangers: Lundqvist (W,2-1); Ottawa: Anderson (L,1-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — N.Y. Rangers: 0-3; Ottawa: 0-3.
Attendance — 20,182 (19,153) at Ottawa.

BLUES 4, SHARKS 3

First Period
1. St. Louis, Berglund 3 (Colaiacovo, Arnott) 14:31 (pp)
2. San Jose, Burns 1 (Thornton, Couture) 16:45 (pp)

Penalties — Colaiacovo StL (interference) 7:24, Wingels SJ (high-sticking) 14:00, Polak StL (cross-checking) 15:40.
Second Period
3. St. Louis, McDonald 2 (Berglund, Colaiacovo) 1:01
4. St. Louis, Arnott 1 (McDonald, Steen) 10:06 (pp)

Penalties — D.Murray SJ (interference) 9:28, Winnik SJ (boarding) 19:39.
Third Period
5. St. Louis, Steen 1 (McDonald, Colaiacovo) 0:59 (pp)
6. San Jose, White 1 (Clowe, Thornton) 16:58
7. San Jose, Couture 1 (Thornton, Havlat) 19:43

Penalties — Nichol StL (holding) 2:35, McDonald StL (slashing) 10:12, Perron StL, Desjardins SJ (roughing) 15:02, Thornton SJ (roughing) 17:31.
Shots on goal by

St. Louis	14	9	4	— 27
San Jose	9	10	10	— 29

Goal — St. Louis: Elliott (W,1-0); San Jose: Niemi (L,1-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — St. Louis: 3-4; San Jose: 1-4.
Attendance — 17,562 (17,562) at San Jose, Calif.

PLAYOFF SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Giroux, Pha	4	4	8
Briere, Pha	4	1	5
Brown, LA	4	1	5
Crosby, Pgh	2	3	5
McDonald, StL	2	3	5
Neal, Pgh	2	3	5
Jagr, Pha	1	4	5

Not including last night's games

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	6	4	.600	—
Toronto	6	4	.600	—
New York	6	5	.545	½
Tampa Bay	5	6	.455	1½
Boston	4	6	.400	2

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	7	3	.700	—
Chicago	5	4	.556	1½
Cleveland	4	4	.500	2
Kansas City	3	7	.300	4
Minnesota	3	8	.273	4½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	8	2	.800	—
Seattle	6	5	.545	2½
Los Angeles	4	6	.400	4
Oakland	4	7	.364	4½

Last night's results
Toronto 7 Tampa Bay 3
N.Y. Yankees 8 Minnesota 3
Texas at Boston
Baltimore at Chicago White Sox
Detroit at Kansas City
Oakland at L.A. Angels
Cleveland at Seattle
Monday's results
Baltimore 10 Chicago White Sox 4 (10 innings)
Detroit 3 Kansas City 2
L.A. Angels 6 Oakland 0
Minnesota 7 N.Y. Yankees 3
Tampa Bay 1 Boston 0
Tonight's games — All Times Eastern
Minnesota (Marquis 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Price 1-1) at Toronto (Morrow 0-0), 7:07 p.m.
Texas (D.Holland 1-0) at Boston (Beckett 1-1), 7:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Tom.Hunter 1-0) at Chicago White Sox (Peavy 1-0), 8:10 p.m.
Detroit (Scherzer 0-1) at Kansas City (Hochevar 1-1), 8:10 p.m.
Oakland (Colon 2-1) at L.A. Angels (E.Santana 0-2), 10:05 p.m.
Cleveland (D.Lowe 2-0) at Seattle (Vargas 1-1), 10:10 p.m.

BLUE JAYS 7, RAYS 3

Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Jnnngs cf	4	0	0	0	YEscor ss	4	1	0	0
C.Pena 1b	4	0	3	0	KJhnsn 2b	5	1	0	0
Longori 3b	4	0	1	0	Bautist rf	2	2	1	2
Scott dh	3	0	0	0	Lind 1b	3	1	3	3
Zobrist rf-2b	3	0	0	0	Encrnc dh	3	0	0	0
Joyce lf-rf	4	2	2	1	Thams lf	2	0	1	0
SRdrgz 2b-ss	2	1	0	0	BFrncs ph	1	0	0	0
Brignc ss	2	0	1	1	RDavis lf	0	0	0	0
Vogt ph-lf	1	0	0	0	Lawrie 3b	4	1	1	1
Kpngr ph	1	0	1	0	Rasms cf	3	0	1	0
Gimenz c	4	0	2	1	Arencii c	4	1	0	0
Totals	**32**	**3**	**10**	**3**	**Totals**	**31**	**7**	**7**	**6**
Tampa Bay					**000**	**020**	**100**	**— 3**	
Toronto					**103**	**001**	**11x**	**— 7**	

E—Longoria 3 (4), Lawrie (1). DP—Tampa Bay 1, Toronto 4. LOB—Tampa Bay 6, Toronto 7. 2B—Gimenez (1). HR—Joyce (2), Bautista (2), Lind (1), Lawrie (2). SF—Bautista.

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Niemann L,0-2	5	3	5	2	1	5
Howell	0	0	0	0	1	0
B.Gomes	1	1	1	1	2	2
McGee	1	1	0	0	1	2
Badenhop	1	2	1	1	0	0
Toronto						
R.Romero W,2-0	6	8	3	3	3	4
Frasor H,3	1	0	0	0	0	1
Cordero H,2	1	1	0	0	1	2
Santos	1	1	0	0	0	1

T—3:05. A—15,331 (49,260) at Toronto.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	9	3	.750	—
New York	7	4	.636	1½
Atlanta	6	5	.545	2½
Philadelphia	5	5	.500	3
Miami	5	6	.455	3½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	7	3	.700	—
Cincinnati	4	6	.400	3
Milwaukee	4	6	.400	3
Houston	4	7	.364	3½
Pittsburgh	3	7	.300	4
Chicago	3	8	.273	4½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	9	1	.900	—
Arizona	7	3	.700	2
Colorado	4	6	.400	5
San Francisco	4	6	.400	5
San Diego	3	8	.273	6½

Last night's results
Atlanta 9 N.Y. Mets 3
Miami 5 Chicago Cubs 2
Washington 1 Houston 0
L.A. Dodgers at Milwaukee
Cincinnati at St. Louis
San Diego at Colorado
Pittsburgh at Arizona
Philadelphia at San Francisco
Monday's results
Arizona 5 Pittsburgh 1
N.Y. Mets 6 Atlanta 1
Philadelphia 5 San Francisco 2
San Diego 7 Colorado 1
Washington 6 Houston 3
Today's games — All Times Eastern
N.Y. Mets (Dickey 2-0) at Atlanta (Jurrjens 0-1), 12:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Ja.McDonald 0-1) at Arizona (D.Hudson 1-0), 3:40 p.m.
Houston (Harrell 1-0) at Washington (Zimmermann 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Garza 1-0) at Miami (Buehrle 0-2), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Capuano 1-0) at Milwaukee (Greinke 1-1), 8:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Latos 0-1) at St. Louis (J.Garcia 1-0), 8:15 p.m.
San Diego (Richard 1-0) at Colorado (Nicasio 0-0), 8:40 p.m.
Philadelphia (Cl.Lee 0-1) at San Francisco (M.Cain 1-0), 10:15 p.m.

LACROSSE

NLL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
x-Toronto	14	7	7	.500	170	172	—
x-Philadelphia	14	7	7	.500	159	183	—
x-Rochester	14	6	8	.429	173	176	1
Buffalo	14	5	9	.357	167	179	2

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
x-Colorado	14	11	3	.786	193	171	—
x-Calgary	15	11	4	.733	207	164	½
x-Minnesota	14	7	7	.500	171	167	4
Edmonton	13	5	8	.385	136	143	5½
Washington	14	4	10	.286	150	171	7

x — clinched playoff berth.
Friday's games — All Times Eastern
Edmonton at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Toronto at Washington, 11 p.m.
Saturday's games
Rochester at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Calgary at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Chicago	46	15	.754	—
y-Miami	43	17	.717	2½
x-Indiana	40	22	.645	6½
x-Boston	36	25	.590	10
x-Atlanta	36	25	.590	10
x-Orlando	36	25	.590	10
New York	31	29	.517	14½
Philadelphia	31	30	.508	15
Milwaukee	29	31	.483	16½
Detroit	23	38	.377	23
New Jersey	22	40	.355	24½
Toronto	22	40	.355	24½
Cleveland	20	40	.333	25½
Washington	15	46	.246	31
Charlotte	7	53	.117	38½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-San Antonio	43	16	.729	—
y-Oklahoma City	44	17	.721	—
x-L.A. Lakers	39	22	.639	5
x-L.A. Clippers	38	23	.623	6
Memphis	36	25	.590	8
Denver	34	27	.557	10
Dallas	34	28	.548	10½
Phoenix	32	29	.525	12
Houston	32	29	.525	12
Utah	32	30	.516	12½
Portland	28	34	.452	16½
Minnesota	25	38	.397	20
Golden State	22	38	.367	21½
Sacramento	20	41	.328	24
New Orleans	19	42	.311	25

d — division leader; **x** — clinched playoff berth; **y** — clinched division

Last night's results
Detroit 116 Cleveland 77
Indiana 102 Philadelphia 97
Memphis 91 Minnesota 84
Boston at New York
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers
Monday's results
Atlanta 109 Toronto 87
Denver 105 Houston 102
Indiana 111 Minnesota 88
L.A. Clippers 92 Oklahoma City 77
Miami 101 New Jersey 98
New Orleans 75 Charlotte 67
Orlando 113 Philadelphia 100
Phoenix 125 Portland 107
San Antonio 120 Golden State 99
Utah 123 Dallas 121 (3OT)
Washington 87 Chicago 84
Tonight's games — All Times Eastern
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Washington, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
New York at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Boston, 8 p.m.
Houston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Denver, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 10 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Bryant, LAL	56	558	372	1572	28.1
Durant, OkC	61	594	387	1693	27.8
James, Mia	59	590	365	1596	27.1
Love, Minn	55	474	379	1432	26.0
Westbrook, OkC	61	547	313	1468	24.1
Wade, Mia	47	409	231	1064	22.6
Anthony, NY	50	391	270	1109	22.2
Aldridge, Por	55	483	223	1191	21.7
Nowitzki, Dal	58	443	293	1252	21.6
D. Williams, NJ	55	391	257	1154	21.0
Howard, Orl	54	416	281	1113	20.6

Not including last night's games

SOCCER

MLS

Tonight's games — All Times Eastern
Montreal at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.
Kansas City at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Saturday's games
Chicago at Toronto, 3:30 p.m.
Houston at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.
Kansas City at Portland, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
New York at D.C. United, 6 p.m.

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

SEMIFINALS — FIRST LEG
Yesterday's result
Bayern Munich (Germany) 2 Real Madrid (Spain) 1
Today's game — All Times Eastern
Chelsea (England) vs. Barcelona (Spain), 2:45 p.m.

CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

CHAMPIONSHIP — FIRST LEG
Tonight's game
Monterrey (Mexico) at Santos Laguna (Mexico), 10 p.m.

HOCKEY

IIHF MEN'S UNDER-18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

PRELIMINARY ROUND

GROUP A

	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	Pt
y-U.S.	4	4	0	0	0	18	3	12
x-Finland	4	3	0	0	1	15	9	9
x-Canada	**4**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**17**	**12**	**6**
Czech Republic	4	1	0	0	3	12	21	3
Denmark	4	0	0	0	4	6	23	0

GROUP B

	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	Pt
y-Sweden	4	4	0	0	1	20	4	12
x-Russia	4	2	0	0	2	14	7	6
x-Germany	4	2	0	0	2	15	17	6
Latvia	4	2	0	0	2	11	15	6
Switzerland	4	0	0	0	4	6	23	0

x — clinched quarter-final berth.
y — clinched semifinal berth.
Note: Three points for a regulation win, two for an overtime win and one for an overtime loss.
Yesterday's results
At Brno, Czech Republic
U.S. 5 **Canada 3**
Finland 6 Czech Republic 2
At Znojmo, Czech Republic
Germany 6 Switzerland 2
Sweden 2 Russia 0
End of Preliminary Round

PLAYOFFS

Tomorrow's games — All Times Eastern
CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET
Quarter-finals
At Breclav, Czech Republic
Finland vs. Germany, 9 a.m.
Russia vs. **Canada**, 1 p.m.
RELEGATION BRACKET
At Znojmo, Czech Republic
Czech Republic vs. Switzerland, 9 a.m.
Latvia vs. Denmark, 1 p.m.

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Engine

The Skyactiv powerplant is a 2.0-litre, four-cylinder gasoline engine that features direct fuel injection. It runs on regular gas and is 10 per cent lighter than Mazda's non-Skyactiv 2.0. Output is rated at 155 horsepower and 150 pound-feet of torque, down from the Tribute's 171/171 levels.

No more smiley face grille.

Skyactiv

Most of the CX-5's mechanical bits are promoted under Mazda's "Skyactiv" theme that made its initial appearance in conjunction with the 2012 Mazda3. From a chassis and suspension perspective, the automaker says it has attempted to infuse the vehicle with as much MX-5-Miata-type sporty behaviour as possible.

Less cargo space

The CX features a curvy accent crease along the lower door edges. In back, the slant of the liftgate glass suggests a bit of hatchback has crept into the design, which could explain why there's slightly less cargo space than the Tribute had, even though the CX has a bit more stretch-out room for passengers.

2013 Mazda CX-5

- **Type.** Four-door, front-/all-wheel-drive compact tall wagon.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.0-litre DOHC I4 (155).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 7.8/5.7 (MT, FWD).
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** $24,800.

Review. It's a game-changer for Mazda, and with a low base price and low fuel consumption, it might be a game-changer for you, too

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Wheelbase Media

If you're looking to cheap out on fuel bills while still maintaining your quality of life, then the new Mazda CX-5 could be driving right up your alley.

These days, nearly every car shopper places good —no, better make that excellent — fuel economy atop their must-have lists, without sacrificing roominess and comfort in the process.

Well, for the 2013 model year, which begins right about now for Mazda, the CX-5 could do the trick.

Replacing the long-standing Ford Escape-based Mazda Tribute wagon, this brand new five-seater becomes the smallest of Mazda's tall-wagon models, a group that includes the CX-7 (also a five-seater) and seven-passenger CX-9. But the CX-5 might just be the best looking of the bunch and has Mazda's evolving look, that will eventually spread to the entire lineup.

The CX-5's curvaceous shape is best viewed from the front, where you'll notice a neatly-shaped sloping hood and expressive (as opposed to the more controversial smiley-face) grille.

With the proliferation of brand new, or nearly-new, models in the compact tall-wagon segment, Mazda's timing with the CX-5 couldn't be better.

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Going from joke to sales juggernaut

Interview. Hyundai's U.S. CEO focused on quality in order to transform carmaker

North Americans were laughing at Hyundai's cars when John Krafcik joined the company eight years ago.

The cars were ugly and often broke down. The only reason to buy one was because it was cheap. Jay Leno once joked that you could double a Hyundai's value by filling it up with gas.

No one's laughing now.

The Korean automaker's quality has improved, and it's among the leaders in fuel efficiency and styling. Sales are up more than 60 per cent since 2008, the year Krafcik (pronounced KRAF-chick) became CEO of American operations. Hyundai's Elantra compacts and Sonata mid-size sedans are in such demand that few discounts are offered. And although the company's U.S. sales are just a fraction of General Motors' or Ford's, they're growing so quickly that Hyundai is feared by every other carmaker.

Hyundai had already started to change before Krafcik arrived, offering a 10-year, 100,000 mile warranty with its cars. But the transformation from joke to juggernaut accelerated under his watch.

Krafcik, 50, is a Stanford-trained engineer and manufacturing expert. He began his career as a manufacturing engineer at a General Motors-Toyota joint venture factory set up so GM could learn how Toyota made cars. While working for the venture in the early 1980s, he saw the gap in standards between Japanese and American plants. He has focused on quality ever since.

Despite Hyundai's turnaround, Krafcik still worries about quality.

"It only takes one small mistake with a critical part in a safety-related system to derail all of the good work that we've done," he says.

Krafcik recently spoke with The Associated Press in New York.

John Krafcik, president and CEO of Hyundai Motor America, during a recent interview in New York. RICHARD DREW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Your company has made a remarkable turnaround since the early 1990s when it sold inexpensive cars that fell apart. How did you make the transformation?

First you had to build that foundation of quality and consumer trust. By the time we got to the late '90s, we knew that our quality was good. We knew our reputation was horrible. And the America's Best Warranty, that 10-year, 100,000-mile powertrain warranty, ended up being huge. We were able to take ourselves from about 90,000 units (cars and trucks) per year at the absolute pits of our sales — this was in the late '90s — to 300,000 and 400,000 within four or five years.

That was a bet-the-company move?

It was an absolute bet-the-company move. If we had gotten that one wrong, then the company would have failed. And rather quickly, too, as the warranty expense and exposure are significant when you're taking a bath that big.

What's something that has surprised you about how people use their cars?

The car as personal living space. It's amazing how much stuff people carry around. Finding room for people's stuff is one of our priority focal points. Let me give you a great example. Cup holders and bottle holders.

This is a great success for Hyundai, and it took some time to convince the engineers that this is what we needed to do (because) cup holders cost money. If you're going to do them right, they have little gripper fingers and you have to make more expensive moulds and stuff. Engineers never understand why a driver would need two cup holders and the front seat passenger would also need two cup holders.

What could derail your sales growth?

It only takes one small mistake with a critical part in a safety-related system to derail all of the good work that we've done. So we're being so careful and cautious, putting in quality operating systems and insuring that everything is working with them. We need to get to this point of tier-one quality in everything we do. But we're not there yet. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Opinion

Surprise taxes aimed at Ontario drivers

THE WHEEL DEAL
Todd Bourgon,
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Dealers Association

Costs to replace your driver's license will soon be going up. ISTOCK

Do you need a car to run your household or business? Sadly, and once again if so, get ready to pay more. The Ontario Government recently announced drivers will pay an extra $340 million in higher driver and vehicle costs. At the same time, highway expansion and HOV projects are being cut by $229 million.

This was a major surprise to the public and stakeholders like the Toronto Automobile Dealers Association (TADA). The public had no opportunity to provide their input. Pure and simple, the government needed the money ... and fast!

License plate renewals for vehicles will increase from $74 this year to $98 by 2014, representing a 32 per cent increase. Replacing your driver's license will increase from $10 this year to $25 in 2015. A host of other fees were hiked as well.

The Ontario government claims it needs the increased revenue in order to pay for roads and bridges. If that is where the new tax revenue actually ends up, the TADA (and drivers) would have an easier time accepting the increase as a necessary cost of maintaining the infrastructure of our roads and highways.

But with the Ontario government planning to spend $126 billion in fiscal year 2012-13 (including a projected $15 billion deficit), it's obvious that the additional tax will go directly into general revenues.

The TADA has requested the Ontario Government show us exactly where the extra $340 million is going by doing the following:

- Every year, publicly disclose how much extra revenue these taxes will generate in a separate line item in the Ministry of Transportation's budget;
- Every year, publicly disclose where this money will be re-directed; and
- Every year, publicly disclose which specific road and bridge projects will benefit from this extra money and include the project's total cost.

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Split shift

Auto know-how. Sharing driving duties in a truck with 18 speeds, two front axles and 1,650 pound-feet of torque in a rather unforgiving and desolate place

STEVEN REIVE
Wheelbase Media

There's something about this clutch that's different. Maybe even a little weird.

For starters, it's a whole bunch stiffer than a clutch pedal in a normal car.

"We're empty, so start off in low range on the low split of second gear." Frank Porter's voice is confident, relaxing and even, which is expected from a man with more than 40 years experience behind the wheel of rigs like this.

We're in Quebec today, on a lonely stretch called Highway 389 that's about 1,000 kilometres northeast of Quebec City. (For the route, enter this address into your Web browser: http://tinyurl.com/cekhvxs).

Easing out the clutch, the 450-horsepower 12.8-litre Detroit Diesel's 1,650 pound-feet of torque begins to churn in tandem with the rear wheels.

Under Frank's guidance I work through the gears of the 18-speed Eaton Fuller transmission, "splitting" each gear through the "H" shift pattern with a switch on the side of the shifter. There's more, though. You have to flip the switch on the front of the shifter up into "high range," simultaneously moving the shifter back to the second gear position ... and do it all again, splitting each of the high-range gears.

After a lot of rowing, 18th gear is finally here and I get to move my laser-like gaze from the tachometer and the road ahead to the speedometer. Wooohoooo, a whopping 80 km/h, which is actually plenty of speed for this snow-and ice-packed umbilical cord that reaches out to Labrador City in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Quote

"The cab sits high enough that you can actually look down at the drivers of passing 18-wheelers. The proverbial "high horse" indeed."

It's my second day on the road with Frank Porter, a professional truck driver, and Luke Thompson, who's a Western Star truck sales consultant — a guy I've known for years.

Luke has sold a lot-full of big, serious Western Star trucks to customers in Labrador City and there is only one way to get them there. Drive from wherever to Baie-Comeau, a town on the north shore of the Saint Lawrence River, 400 kilometres northeast of Quebec City, then head north on Quebec's infamous Highway 389 to the middle of nowhere.

Midway through that desolate road is precisely where I find myself behind the wheel of a new-but-filthy Western Star 4800TS dump truck. The "TS" stands for twin-steer which uses tandem front steering axles. Because of this, the cab sits high enough that you can actually look down at the drivers of passing 18-wheelers. The proverbial "high horse" indeed.

This trip is different than any of the media junkets I've been on where a gaggle of auto writers are pampered and hosted while they try out new products in controlled environments. I'm the only scribe on this trip and it's trial by fire on this road.

With a conventional three-person cab, our luggage was wrapped in heavy-duty green garbage bags and heaved into the massive 6.5-metre-long dump box capable of carrying 21 tons of earth, rock, sand, salt or whatever bulky stuff needs to be moved somewhere.

"What's the filet of this run, your favourite part?" I ask Luke after switching trucks.

"The sign that says Labrador City 25 kilometres," he laughs.

Route 389 is a brute of a road that runs almost 600 kilometres north from Baie-Comeau to Fermont, Québec, at the Labrador border. Then it's a short distance along the Labrador Highway to Labrador City.

We made friends on the road to Labrador with heavy-haul guys flat-bedding a disassembled mining truck on that one-way northern trek that most equipment takes to booming Labrador. Of course, they are driving Western Star trucks — the big 600-horsepower 4900-model tractors that make our twin steer dumpers look like Labrador sports cars.

We leapfrog each other all morning and meet again at the halfway fuel stop and restaurant.

After coffee, I climb back behind the wheel of Frank Porter's truck, strap in and start working the gears under his watchful eye. Shift, split, shift, split, go for high range.

"The longest way around is the shortest way there," says Frank who is filling me with stories of his career in the trucking world that has earned him two Safety Council Million Mile Awards for mishap-free driving.

After a while with Frank, I move back into the passenger's seat of Luke Thompson's truck. Approaching Labrador City, I feel the usual bliss of safely reaching the destination but also sadness that the roving driver-training session on the road to Labrador is over.

"Just sold two more rigs up here!" Luke advises checking his email when we pull up at the Two Seasons Motel in Labrador City.

"Looks like we'll be doing this again in the next month or so."

"More serious trucks for serious roads," I nod, in anticipation of another big truck driving lesson.

Shoddy graffiti aside, it's easy to see what Labrador City is all about.

Out here, you talk about your truck and your load ... and staying alive. ALL PHOTOS WHEELBASE MEDIA

Luke Thompson, left, and long-time driver Frank Porter set me straight on what it takes to get from Point A to Point B on an icy highway in Northern Canada.

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Look ma, no hands! GM is working to bring this prototype to our roads. CONTRIBUTED

Driving a self-driving car is a conundrum wrapped in an enigma

Autopilot

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Whenever I ride shotgun I tend toward second-guessing the driver and twitching in my seat.

So imagine me sitting behind the steering wheel of a "self-driving" car while it is being driven by a computer. And a computer I've never even met!

But, not surprisingly, the Cadillac SRX stays on its course around the big oval at GM's Milford Proving Grounds with expert facility. And well it should, equipped as it is, with enough computer hardware and software to run a small space program.

The SRX is GM's latest in a long series of "self-driving" vehicle prototypes. Its first one was built way back in the late 1950s, and was also a Cadillac (the 1959 Cadillac Cyclone concept). The SRX version is a lot closer to being a production reality.

Before we were chauffeured in the SRX by software and sensors, Dr. Alan Taub, GM's vice-president of Global Research & Development, confirmed that some form of autonomous driving will be available by the end of this decade.

He noted that the minute we started trying to prevent crashes, through such systems as ABS and stability control, we started on the path toward a self-driving car.

Today, many cars can not only alert and assist the driver to avoid a crash, they can also intervene on our behalf to avoid a crash. The technology that enables "not crashing" is the same for self-driving vehicles. They include sensors, braking and steering wheel actuators, software, cameras, radar and satellite navigation.

The concept of a future without a human behind the wheel is sure to raise the ire of driving enthusiasts and control freaks the world over. But before you start assembling with the intent of storming the GM proving grounds with pitchforks, take heed that Dr. Taub has also gone on record saying that everyone should experience the joy of driving, so if there is autonomous driving in GM's future, it will be equipped with an "on and off" switch.

GM says a better way of picturing this "on and off" switch is to think of it as a "super cruise control" button. Like regular cruise, it would only be engaged in certain situations, like extended stretches on appropriate and/or designated highways, and would not replace the human driver for the vast majority of driving situations.

For one thing, the SRX prototype's current technology needs to pick up the lane marking on the roadway, with its suite of on-board cameras. So a dirt road, a snow-covered road, or a rainy day will immediately put the kibosh on autonomous driving.

But the experimental SRX "self" brakes, accelerate and steer fairly smoothly, a lot more smoothly, in fact, than my Uncle Joe ever drove. And other than the big stack of computers in the cargo area — and the extra exposed wiring — it looks pretty much like a regular Cadillac SRX.

A production self-driving SRX, however, will require another advance in sensor technology.

"You couldn't do it with today's sensors, it's going to be tomorrow's," said GM engineer Eric Raphael, who has the big job of researching how to "productionize" a future self-driving Cadillac.

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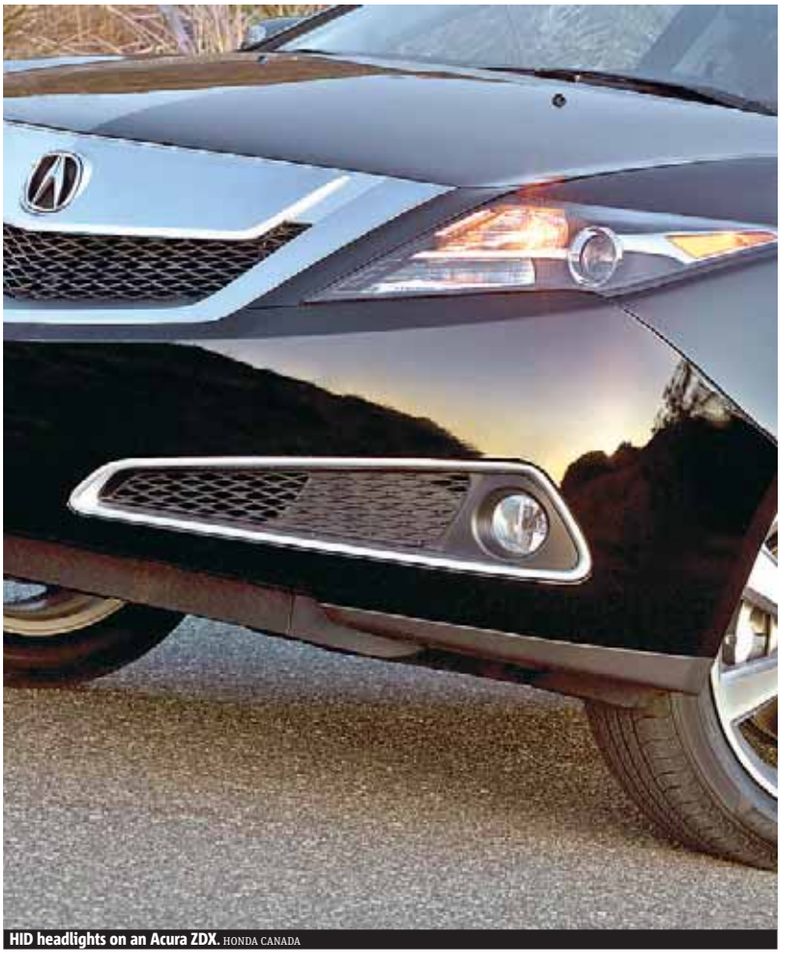

HID headlights on an Acura ZDX. HONDA CANADA

Drivers 'see the light' with HID bulbs

Driving Force. No, that person driving behind you doesn't have his high beams on — those are just super bright headlights

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If the road has seemed a little brighter these days, it's not your eyes playing tricks on you. Many automakers, especially the premium brands, use high-intensity discharge headlights, or HID, which produce a bright white light.

"The light intensity is closer to a natural light," says Hayato Mori, manager of product planning at Honda Canada. "HIDs put out light that is much more intense than a halogen headlight. They also use less electricity."

A conventional halogen headlight is an incandescent bulb. It uses a filament that heats up to create light, while the halogen gas inside the bulb increases the light's intensity and helps to lengthen the filament's lifespan.

HID headlights don't use filaments. Instead, they contain a gas, most commonly xenon, which lights up when electricity flows into a diode in the headlight. This is similar to the way a fluorescent light works, but the xenon gas lights up much faster. Even so, HID headlights still need to warm up, and if your car has them, you'll notice that it takes a few seconds before they reach their full brightness.

On many cars with HID headlights, only the low-beam lights use the xenon bulbs; the high-beam lights are halogen bulbs. Some use "bi-xenon," meaning that both the low and high beams are HID, but there aren't two bulbs. Instead, there's a single HID bulb with a shutter in front of it. When the driver has the low-beam headlights on, the shutter flips down, reducing the amount of light shining out.

"When you want high-beam, the shutter flips up," Mori says. "It's a more expensive setup, because it requires switches to flip the shutter up and down, but you achieve low and high beams with one bulb."

A third headlight type, light-emitting diode or LED, is available on a few premium models and will be coming to Acura and possibly Honda, Mori says. Many cars already use them as taillights.

"Instead of a gas, the diodes react to electricity. They don't consume as much electricity. The lamps don't get hot, but the device that powers them does, and the difficulty is in keeping that cool. It requires fans and cooling mechanisms, and it's difficult to make, so that's why you don't see a lot of these right now. As more manufacturers use it and the technology gets better, it will bring the cost down, and you'll see it on more conventional cars in the future."

Keep it clean

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It enjoyed a successful sales life while turning many first-time car shoppers onto the Hyundai brand. For shoppers after a cheap-to-run compact on a budget, Accent was hard to beat.

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Common Issues

Check your used Accent's clutch for slippage or signs of wear, as some owners have reported having to replace it early on. If the model you're driving has a manual transmission and exhibits any clutch chatter or slippage, move to another unit, or negotiate for a new clutch. A check-engine light may be caused by a bad emissions system component. Be sure to determine and remedy any check-engine lights before agreeing to purchase.

Have a Hyundai mechanic check the underside of your potential used Accent for signs of a leak from the transaxle.

If the power windows appear to move slowly or 'chatter' on their way up or down, the involved window regulator may be on its way out.

Other than a few minor issues, this generation of Accent looks to be reliable — especially if well maintained.

Engine

All Accent models got a 1.6-litre four-cylinder engine with variable valve timing and 110 horsepower. A four-speed automatic or five-speed manual attached it to the front wheels.

What Owners Like

Most Accent owners rate the styling, spaciousness, ride quality and handling of their machines highly. Many report positively on fuel mileage as well. Performance looks adequate with the manual transmission on board. Good manoeuvrability and an easy-driving character round out the package.

What Owners Dislike

A sub-par factory audio system, high highway revs and easily-scratched interior plastics are among this generation of Accent's most common complaints.

Verdict

Other than a few minor issues, this generation of Accent looks to be reliable — especially if well maintained. A healthy model should offer up a pleasant and thrifty driving experience and lower-than-average used prices.

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Top Gear

More of the outdoors

When you get a Jeep, you want to take that baby into the outdoors so you can feel like you're outdoors, and that might mean no doors at all. But how about something in between? Omix-Ada sells "half" doors for 2007 and newer Jeep Wranglers, made from plastic (mounted over a steel frame) that can be painted to match the colour of your ride. What does "half" a door look like? See the picture above. You get a more open-air feeling, presumably, but still have doors to keep out the elements (and the wild animals, snakes and splashing mud). omix-ada.com.

Top Gear

Screening process

The only reason the Top Gear gang is including this next item is because it overcomes a huge obstacle when switching to a "stack" type fuel-injection system, which is a system that seemed destined to find its way under the hood of the company 1965 Ford Mustang project car. It looks great and performs reasonably well, but the problem is there's no air filtration, which means everything from stones to bugs can wind up inside the engine, destroying it on the spot. And to put filters on the top of the stacks pretty much ruins the nostalgic look. To the rescue are the Inglese Hidden Metal Screen Filters that mount inside the stacks without altering the appearance of Inglese's stack EFI systems. Inglese is part of the Comp Group at compcams.com. Search for part number NG4040-8, which is for a set of eight screens.

Top Gear

Small, but mighty

Normally, more power takes more space. But how about a physical size of just 25 by 20 by two centimetres? The base Alpine PDX-F4 provides 100 watts, peak, to each of four speakers or 200 watts to two speakers. The power and price increases up the line to the PDX-M12, which is a 1,200-watt subwoofer amp. You'll see power like this from competitors, but the case size of Alpine PDX stays the same, no matter the power rating. That facilitates stacking the amps (they're just two inches tall now compared to the previous PDX series at 2 7/8 inches) in a relatively small space. Of special note is the PDX-5, which uses the previous PDX-series case (a little taller) but puts 75 watts to each of four speakers and provides 300 watts to run a subwoofer. $600 US. alpine-usa.com.

Top Gear

Security to spare

Owners of trucks, vans and sport utility vehicles are susceptible to thieves who steal their vehicle's exterior spare tire. In seconds they can cut the cable that holds the tire and wheel in place, leaving you potentially stranded when a flat occurs and on the hook for replacement costs that could lighten your wallet by a few hundred dollars or more (including the spare and replacing the vehicle's securing device). One solution is to install the Spare Shield. When attached, this device covers the end of the cable that holds your spare located beneath your vehicle and its powder-coated steel construction is claimed virtually impervious to attack. The Spare Shield sells for $50 US and is available through many tire retailers and oil change outlets. You can also check out thespareshield.com to obtain a list of stores selling the product in your area. **WHEELBASE**

Another Fiat is born

A Serbian factory worker looks at a Fiat 500L car in the assembly hall of the new Fiat factory in Kragujevac, some 100 kilometres south of Belgrade, Serbia. Italian carmaker Fiat has recently opened a production line in Serbia for its new 500L family model, to expand on the popularity of its two-door 500 city car. Fiat hopes to sell about 160,000 hatchbacks a year produced in this central Serbian town, to take advantage of low wages, tax breaks and government subsidies.

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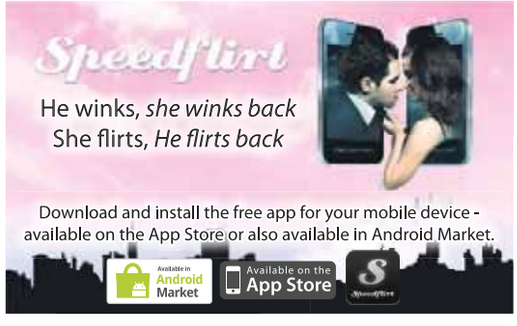
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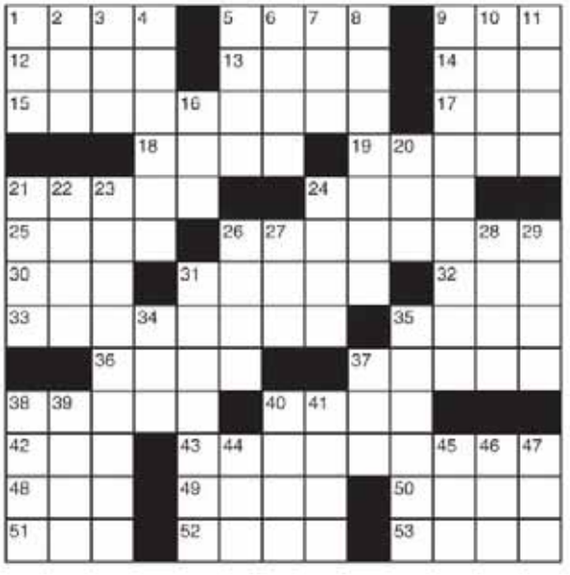
Crossword

Across

1 Plate
5 BLT topper
9 Spot on a domino
12 Vicinity
13 The yoke's on them
14 Equal (Prefix)
15 Theater balcony
17 Buddhist sect
18 Performances
19 Demolished
21 Chaplain
24 Rice-A- —
25 Saharan
26 Trimmed with wide ruffles
30 Emerald City VIP
31 Disgusting
32 Lawyers' org.
33 City of Galilee
35 Teensy bit
36 "Dies —"
37 Sustained hum
38 Star of Cygnus
40 Prompted
42 Have bills
43 Techno-jargon
48 More (Sp.)
49 Actor Morales
50 Littlest of the litter
51 Em halves
52 Actress Diana
53 Remain

Down

1 Block the flow
2 Rage
3 "— who?"
4 Sand trap, e.g.
5 Billings' st.
6 Line of symmetry
7 Longing
8 Burdensome
9 Played without a bow
10 "Gotcha"
11 Walden, for one
16 Expert
20 Massachusetts cape
21 Chess soldier
22 La Scala showstopper
23 Vertigo
24 — Hashanah
26 Gratis
27 Parcel of land
28 Black, in verse
29 Knighted woman
31 Snatched
34 Exist
35 Intense feelings
37 Morning moisture
38 Capitol cap
39 Actor McGregor
40 Despot
41 Submachine guns
44 GI entertainment org.
45 Trench
46 "CSI" evidence
47 Pigs' home



Sudoku

	5		1	4	7		6	
9								1
		6				2		
3	2		4		6		9	7
				7				
7	8		3		2		4	6
		4				9		
5								3
	9		8	2	1		5	

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

7	2	5	8	4	6	3	1	9
9	1	8	2	7	3	6	5	4
3	6	4	9	1	5	7	8	2
4	3	1	6	8	9	2	7	5
8	5	6	4	2	7	1	9	3
2	9	7	5	3	1	4	6	8
5	7	9	3	6	2	8	4	1
6	4	3	1	5	8	9	2	7
1	8	2	7	9	4	5	3	6

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play
This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

DN KLR ZDIC UN LWBSFTMZA LTX T BTQR UNNASYDIC, HUWQX LR FR MTQQRX KLR SYDJMR UN HLTQRA?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN SOMEONE ANSWERS "NO" TO "WILL YOU MARRY ME?", I SUPPOSE THAT'S PROPOSITION OPPOSITION.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals F

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Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Leave well alone today, especially on the work front where, if you make unnecessary changes, the results may not be to your liking.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Some will criticize you no matter what do, so you might as well ignore them and just get on with it.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. You take it personally when people change their minds and upset your plans, but don't be so sensitive.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Today, if someone says something unjust, or even abusive, your best move is to laugh it off.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. The reason you don't get along with a certain person is not because you are so different but because you are so very much the same.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. You'll go over the top and say things you don't really mean, and you'll hate yourself for it when you calm down, but it's no big deal.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Don't promise that you'll do something today unless you are certain you are in a position to deliver.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. If you cut corners or take shortcuts in any way, shape or form today, you will pay the price a little bit further down the line.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. You will try to bluff your way out of an embarrassing situation today, but you won't succeed.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. If you are told something in confidence today don't rush out and tell everyone else. If it gets out, no one will confide in you again.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Whatever else you do today don't try to compete with rivals and enemies on their low level. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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Torque (lb.-ft.)	144	128	135
Interior Cargo Space (L)	415	353	335
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6 Speed Manual Transmission	✓	✗	✗
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Horsepower (hp)	138	106	120
Torque (lb.-ft.)	123	103	112
Fuel Economy - HWY	4.9L/100km	5.2L/100km	5.1L/100km
Power Windows	✓	✗	✗
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